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6	PLAINTIFF,) CASE NO.
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	5	(The following proceedings were held in
	6	open court in the presence of the jury:)
	7	THE COURT: We remain on the record in the trial
	8	matter with all present who were previously present, including
	9	the jury as well as the witness.
12:57PM	10	And, Ms. Stanin, you understand you remain under
	11	oath?
	12	THE WITNESS: Yes.
	13	THE COURT: Mr. Blum, please begin your
	14	cross-examination. Thank you, Your Honor.
12:57PM	15	PHYLLIS STANIN,
	16	CALLED BY THE PLAINTIFF, WAS PREVIOUSLY SWORN.
	17	CROSS-EXAMINATION
	18	BY MR. BLUM:
	19	Q Ms. Stanin, do you see Exhibit 190, 190?
12:58PM	20	A I do.
	21	Q Do you remember seeing this during the direct
	22	examination?
	23	A Yes.
	24	Q Wasn't there a white border on the right side of
12:59PM	25	it that had some writing on it?

	1	_	71.
	1	A	I'm sorry?
	2	Q	The ones that you were shown by Mr. Gee,
	3	didn't did	it not have a white border?
	4	A	Yes. Because it was in a different format.
12:59PM	5	Q	All right. And that white border covered up the
	6	part where it	says Figure 2, AECOM perchlorate and TCE
	7	concentration	maps?
	8	А	No. It didn't cover it up. I just didn't have
	9	it on the Powe	erPoint.
12:59PM	10	Q	Okay. What does it mean when it says May, June
	11	2019?	
	12	A	It means that that was the time period that these
	13	field data we:	re measured.
	14	Q	Okay. Now, is AECOM one of the I'm trying to
12:59PM	15	get the words	you used reputable and qualified firms that
	16	Whittaker hire	ed?
	17	A	Yes. I would say so.
	18	Q	And they have done more than just one map like
	19	this, did the	y not?
01:00PM	20	A	Yes.
	21	Q	They have done one for every year going back to
	22	2013; right?	
	23	A	That's correct.
	24	Q	But when I reviewed your expert report in terms
01:00PM	25	of the documen	nts that you considered, you only considered the

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             one for 2019, didn't you?
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                           No.
                                That's not correct. I considered all of
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             them.
                           Can you go to your list of documents considered,
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                   Q
            please, in your report. I think it's, for ID purposes, 1312.
01:00PM
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                   Α
                           Okay. I'm sorry. Where did you want me to go?
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                           I want you to go to your report. And I think on
                   0
            page 50 of the report -- do you have your expert report up
         8
             there, ma'am?
01:00PM
        10
                           I do.
                   Α
        11
                           Okay. 50 starts references cited. Do you see
        12
             that?
                           I do.
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                   Α
        14
                           And do you recall being asked whether that means
             these are the only documents that you considered?
01:00PM
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                   Α
                           Yes.
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                           And you said "yes"; correct?
                   Q
                           Yes. But there are also information within the
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                   Α
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             text of the report that talks about the fact that there was
01:01PM
        20
            more than one monitoring report.
        2.1
                   Q
                           I understand that.
        22
                           But in terms of what you considered, you did not
        23
             consider the monitoring reports with the plume maps that were
             created by this reputable company for 2013, '14, '15, '16, '17,
        24
        25
             and '18, did you?
01:01PM
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	1	A Yes, of course I used them.
	2	Q Show me where you your references cited there
	3	are included.
	4	A So I can show you in the text of the report where
01 01		
01:01PM	5	I talk about that; right?
	6	Q All right. Show me where.
	7	A Okay. Give me just a second and I will find it.
	8	Q Sure.
	9	A (Witness reviewing report.)
01:03PM	10	Q Found it yet?
	11	A No. I'm not there yet. I'm just trying to walk
	12	myself through the process because I don't remember where I
	13	specifically referenced that.
	14	I found one of the references to it, but we will
01:03PM	15	have to go back and find out where I said this. But I'm on
	16	page 39 in Section 7.2.3. The first sentence says,
	17	"Incorporating data and analyses described in previous sections
	18	in this report and using groundwater elevation data contained
	19	within the OU-7 monitoring reports as described above." So I
01:03PM	20	need to find where I described that above.
	21	Q Let me ask you a different
	22	A But the fact it says monitoring reports should
	23	give you an indication that they're plural.
	24	Q Would you agree with me, though, that in your
01:03PM	25	section called "References Cited," you only refer to the 2019

	1	AECOM report?
	2	A I'm not sure that is exactly right.
	3	Q Tell me which other ones you do and in the
	4	section that says references cited.
01:04PM	5	A All right. Give me just a second. Let me make
	6	sure I didn't record them in some other manner.
	7	Q The question only pertains to the references
	8	cited section, ma'am.
	9	A All right. Well, I'm on the third page of that,
01:04PM	10	so just give me a second.
	11	(Witness reviewing report.)
	12	Q If I can help, on the first page of the
	13	References Cited, there are three references to AECOM.
	14	A I know, but oftentimes I would say if I got
01:05PM	15	something specifically from Whittaker, I would say that. I did
	16	that for the databases. That's the very last entry there. And
	17	I thought I might have said something about the monitoring
	18	reports there, but I did not.
	19	So give me a second. I feel comfortable that I
01:05PM	20	told the reader exactly what I did.
	21	Q I'm asking only asking about the references
	22	cited. I'm not
	23	THE COURT: The Court is going to exercise its
	24	discretion under Rule 403 and ask you to ask your next
01:05PM	25	question, Mr. Blum. This has been going on for a bit.

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                           BY MR. BLUM: Doctor -- I mean, sorry,
                   Q
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            Ms. Stanin, if you take a look at the plume maps that show the
         3
            distribution of the perchlorate plumes for 2013 through '18,
             are they going to look like the one for 2019?
         4
                           The perchlorate plume maps? Is that what you're
01:05PM
         5
         6
             asking about?
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                           It looks like the pink part of Exhibit 190. Is
            it going to look the same?
         8
                           No. They all look different.
                           Okay. So when you -- now, can you go to the
01:06PM
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        11
             legend or on the left side?
        12
                   Α
                           Yes.
        13
                           You see where it says, "Estimated TCE
        14
            concentration contour"?
01:06PM
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                   Α
                           Yes.
        16
                           Okay. All right. What is that?
                           So the dashed lines are Whittaker's
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                   Α
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             representation of the TCE concentrations at this time period.
        19
                           Well, it's not Whittaker. It's this reputable
                   Q
            firm's; correct?
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        2.1
                           It was done by AECOM in a contract to Whittaker.
        22
                           Now, can you show the jury on Exhibit 190 where
        23
             the reputable firm delineated how far the TCE had moved?
        24
                   Α
                           No.
                                They don't show how far it had moved. They
        25
            have contours that go down to five parts per billion, and then
01:07PM
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	1	they don't show the others.
	2	Q All right. Can you show where that is?
	3	A Yes, I can.
	4	Q Okay. Any further than that, what does that
01:07PM	5	mean?
	6	A It means that they didn't follow the flow lines
	7	to draw their representation. They only used the data as shown
	8	on the map.
	9	Q Well, ma'am, you've done a lot of these yourself,
01:07PM	10	these contour lines; correct?
	11	A Yes.
	12	Q If, for instance, if on if you take a look
	13	at let me see, the three of them at the edge. RMW8, PZ9,
	14	and NP.01. If those had shown concentrations of TCE, wouldn't
01:08PM	15	a reputable and qualified firm have extended the contour lines
	16	out to that?
	17	A But that's not where I'm talking about. I'm
	18	talking about along the flow paths that I have delineated using
	19	the groundwater flow elevation contours.
01:08PM	20	Q If, indeed, PCE or TCE had been detected in any
	21	of those three wells, wouldn't a qualified reputable firm have
	22	extended the TCE contour lines out to those wells?
	23	A Well, we would have to look at the data. But I
	24	think V-201 and V-205 have TCE in them, will have to make sure
01:08PM	25	that was the cases of May and June 2019.

	1	Q	That's not my question.
	2	А	If they did no, it was your question. You
	3	asked me if t	he if they wouldn't have drawn the contours out
	4	to where TCE	had been detected.
01:09PM	5	Q	I will ask it again.
	6		If TCE had been detected in any of those three
	7	wells, wouldn	't a qualified and reputable firm extended the
	8	contour lines	at least out to those three wells?
	9	A	Well, yes, of course. But that's not what I'm
01:09PM	10	talking about	. Those three wells did not detect TCE.
	11	Q	All right.
	12	A	They also didn't detect perchlorate either.
	13	Q	All right. Let's move on to the can we see
	14	I think it wa	s 158. All right.
01:09PM	15		You have control of this. Can you take the red
	16	lines off of	it?
	17	A	I would love to. I'm sorry, I don't know if I
	18	have control	or not.
	19	Q	You just did.
01:09PM	20	А	I didn't do it.
	21	Q	All right. Saugus 2, has it ever had TCE above
	22	an MCL?	
	23	A	No. I don't believe so. I think that's probably
	24	true for all	of those wells.
01:09PM	25	Q	How about above a public health goal for TCE?

	1	A I'm sorry, could you ask me that again?
	2	Q Do you know what a public health goal is?
	3	A I generally know what it is, but I don't know
	4	what it is for TCE.
01:10PM	5	Q Have any of the wells, the four wells at issue
	6	here, had they ever had concentrations of TCE above an MCL?
	7	A Not that I'm aware of.
	8	Q And the although the concentrations at
	9	least the highest concentrations of TCE that you talked about
01:10PM	10	in open in your direct examination at the site were in the,
	11	I believe, 4- to 5,000 part per billion or million?
	12	A All of the data that I've presented has been
	13	micrograms per liter, so that would be parts per billion.
	14	Q Okay. So they are what is it? multiple
01:10PM	15	times greater than even the MCLs?
	16	A Yes. And that's to be expected. It happens a
	17	lot with respect to groundwater contamination flowing in the
	18	groundwater system.
	19	Q All right. Now, let's move on to a couple of
01:11PM	20	specific issues. You talked somewhat about the first wells
	21	that were put in in the '80s and the '90s really weren't put in
	22	in the right spots; correct?
	23	First groundwater wells. You said that they
	24	weren't put in in the correct spots to get the information that
01:11PM	25	you thought would be required.

	1	A	Oh, you must be talking about monitoring wells.
	2	Q	Yes.
	3	A I	Not water supply
	4	Q	I'm sorry. You're right. Monitoring wells.
01:11PM	5	A	Yes. That is correct.
	6	Q	Did you review the documentation and the
	7	information tha	at was available to the agencies that would
	8	regulate the a	rea and Whittaker at the time these wells were
	9	put in?	
01:11PM	10	A	I reviewed the information of the wells that were
	11	available from	the time they were put in, yes.
	12	Q	The results or the actual orders of things that
	13	were in effect	?
	14	A	I'm sorry. I'm not clear what you're trying to
01:12PM	15	ask me. Are yo	ou asking me why the wells went in?
	16	Q	You know what? Isn't it correct that, when you
	17	start a monito	ring program, that it's what's called an
	18	intuitive proce	ess because you don't really know what you're
	19	going to find ı	until you start putting the wells down there?
01:12PM	20	Α :	I don't know if I would call it "intuitive," but
	21	it's interactiv	ve. I think that's what you mean.
	22	Q	Right.
	23	:	So the first well may not find it, and then you
	24	work with the a	agency and then you put it in another spot until
01:12PM	25	you get the well	lls at the good places; right?

1 That's generally the process. But you need to be Α 2 able to know what you need to do next as soon as you put 3 something in that doesn't work. 4 0 Right now -- I want to move to the next issue, and then we're going to -- and that is Table 5. Table 5 was 01:12PM 5 6 the maximum concentrations that were found at the different 7 onsite wells; correct? Yes. That's correct. 8 Α 9 Why use maximum? Q Because one of the things that you're trying to 01:13PM 10 11 do when contaminants have already been migrating prior to you 12 being able to actually measure the concentrations and track the 1.3 plumes as they move down the groundwater system, one of the things that you're trying to do is to determine how much has 14 01:13PM 15 gone past that well. 16 And so the maximum concentration gives you the 17 opportunity to see that there's been a plume centerline, for 18 example, that has gone by that well at that time. So it gives you a better understanding of what the extent of the 19 01:13PM 20 contamination is, certainly through the various aquifers which 2.1 was one objective of looking at the concentrations. 22 And then another objective of that process is to 23 better understand what has gone by or what has been seen in the 24 monitoring wells at any given time so that that can -- it's one 25 piece of the puzzle that you need to sort of put the puzzle 01:14PM

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             together.
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                           But it's not the full puzzle, is it?
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                           Well, no. It's not the only thing I used.
                   Α
                           Don't you also want to know what the trend at
         4
             those wells has been, for instance? Isn't that a piece of
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             information that you would want to know?
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                           We did look at the trends, and --
                   Α
                           That is a -- trends is a piece of information you
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                   Q
            would want; correct?
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                           We did look at that. And I actually put that in
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             the expert report. It's on three exhibits as an example.
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                           Wouldn't you also want to know where the
        13
             concentrations are today?
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                           We do know where the concentrations are today.
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                           Well, if we take a look at -- what was the
            highest concentration that you found at any of the wells?
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                           THE COURT: For what chemical?
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                           MR. BLUM: TCE, onsite.
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                           THE WITNESS: So I think we have talked about
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             this before. It was in some of the -- if you're asking which
        2.1
            wells --
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                           BY MR. BLUM: I just want to know the number.
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            What is the highest number?
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                   Α
                           Oh, I'm sorry. 4,700 micrograms per liter.
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01:15PM
                   Q
                           What year was that?
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	1	A I don't have a year to that, but we could look
	2	that up. I don't have that memorized.
	3	Q So would it matter what year it was?
	4	A For what purpose?
01:15PM	5	Q Well, for instance, if it was 20 years ago and
	6	we it never had a concentration at any of these offsite
	7	wells at or above the MCLs, could it be that whatever danger
	8	that posed is gone?
	9	A Well, you don't have enough offsite wells to even
01:15PM	10	say that, number one. And, number two, that was not a blip in
	11	time. Those wells that were on the area and I can draw
	12	this, actually. I don't have this shown on this particular
	13	map. But the wells that had those highest concentrations are
	14	in this area. It wasn't a one-time detection.
01:16PM	15	Q There's now a remedial groundwater extraction
	16	system on the site; correct?
	17	A Yes. I believe it's operating now.
	18	Q Now, with the system in place by the way, in
	19	your report and in your deposition, you never rendered an
01:16PM	20	opinion, did you, as to what future concentrations at the
	21	Saugus 1, Saugus 2, V-201, or V-205 well would be for TCE, did
	22	you?
	23	A Are you talking about a concentration in the
	24	future?
01:16PM	25	Q In the future. You never rendered an opinion on

	1	that issue, did you?		
	2	A I don't think anybody ever asked me about what		
	3	the concentration would be in the future.		
	4	Q Did you render an opinion on that issue in your		
01:17PM	5	report?		
	6	A Not in my report, no.		
	7	Q And in your deposition, you were asked at the end		
	8	of the deposition, weren't you, are these all your opinions?		
	9	And you said "Yes"; correct?		
01:17PM	10	A I recall that, yes.		
	11	Q And in your deposition, you never rendered an		
	12	opinion on what the future concentrations would be for the VOCs		
	13	at the four wells in question, did you?		
	14	A No. It wasn't part of the scope of my expert		
01:17PM	15	report.		
	16	Q Okay. Good.		
	17	All right. Let's go to just some general issues,		
	18	ma'am. Now, you've worked with a company called is it		
	19	called Todd Engineering now or just Todd?		
01:17PM	20	A The company was formed by David Keith Todd. So		
	21	the actual formal official name of our firm is David Keith Todd		
	22	Consulting Engineers, Inc. We were doing business as		
	23	Todd Engineers for a while, and then we found there was a		
	24	shipping company called Todd Engineers that we kept getting		
01:18PM	25	calls for. So we modified our name, and we're now doing		

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            business as Todd Groundwater.
                           And in this case, you have actually prepared
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             three reports; correct?
                           Three expert reports, correct.
         4
                   Α
                           And Mr. Todd prepared one also; correct?
01:18PM
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                           Well, I was counting that one as one of the
         7
             three. I assisted Dr. Todd with the first report.
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                           And you basically have accepted his conclusions
                   Q
             in his report, have you not?
        10
                           Yes. I worked on it.
01:18PM
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                           And one of his conclusions was that perchlorate
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            has been used at the site at least since the mid 1940s;
             correct?
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                           I would assume so. That sounds right. But I --
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             I should check that. I'm not going to represent that it says
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             that without looking at it.
                           But that sounds like a correct statement?
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                   Q
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                           That sounds correct to me.
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                           You have expended 4- to 500 hours in preparing
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01:19PM
            your rebuttal report; correct?
                           I can't imagine I spent 400 hours on the rebuttal
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        22
             report.
        23
                           Well, combined. Combined, ma'am.
                           I don't recall the number. But if you have
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                   Α
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            information for that, then I will go with you.
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	1	Q Can you put any parameters on how much time you
	2	have spent on the case?
	3	A Gosh, I haven't thought about that in a long
	4	time.
01:19PM	5	Q But you know how much money you have been paid by
	6	the plaintiffs for the work that you did in preparing your
	7	reports and getting ready and testifying today?
	8	A I'm sorry. Just for the testifying today?
	9	Q And the the total. All the work your firm has
01:19PM	10	done as an expert, how much have you been paid?
	11	A I don't know the answer to that.
	12	Q Okay. Now, let's talk about perchlorate
	13	generally. Would you agree that the offsite impacts let me
	14	rephrase.
01:20PM	15	Would you agree that perchlorate's impacts on
	16	offsite water wells was not foreseeable until 1997?
	17	A Yes, because we weren't sampling for it before
	18	1997.
	19	Q And one of the reasons you weren't sampling for
01:20PM	20	it is because it wasn't recognized as a problem for groundwater
	21	until 1997; correct?
	22	A There had not yet been established an MCL until
	23	that time.
	24	Q Because nobody thought to that it was a
01:20PM	25	<pre>problem; correct?</pre>

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                           I don't know about that. I mean, perchlorate is
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             salts, and so salts have been an issue for a very long time.
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            But it didn't have an MCL at that time. Let's just leave it at
             that.
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                           Well, in fact, before 1997, there was not even a
01:21PM
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            way to measure it, was there?
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                   Α
                           That is actually incorrect. I have seen
            perchlorate concentrations back to the '50s.
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                           All right. If we could move to the site history,
                   Q
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        10
            please.
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                           Would you agree that TCE has been disposed of or
        12
            used at the site for at least 80 years?
        13
                   Α
                           We don't know the exact time period, but we do
            know that TCE was disposed of at the site.
        14
                           Didn't you in your report use for at least
01:21PM
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                   Q
        16
             80 years?
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                           I don't know. Can you point me to --
                   Α
        18
                           Yes. Page 15. First full paragraph, the
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        19
             sentence starting, "Giving its rise in the United States..."
01:22PM
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                   Α
                           Well, it doesn't say that it's true. If I could
        2.1
            read those two sentences for the record, it might be clearer.
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                   Q
                           Sure.
        23
                           So the paragraph -- the first two sentences read:
        24
             "The first use of VOCs on the property has not been documented.
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            But U.S. manufacturing of TCE, the most prevalent VOC detected
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             in groundwater, dates back to the 1920s, including uses of
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             degreasing solvent and its fire retardants. Given its rise in
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             the United States production in the 1940s and its widespread
            use in the defense industry, it seems likely" -- "it seems
         4
             likely that TCE has been used and disposed of on the property
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             for about 80 years."
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                           When you say "it seems likely," does that mean
                   Q
            it's more probable than not?
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                   Α
                           Yes. That's what "likely" means.
                           So in your opinion, it's more probable than not
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             that TCE had been used and disposed of at the site for over
        12
             80 years; correct?
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                           Well, I don't have this as a specific opinion
             stated. This is background information on the site. But yes,
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             it does seem likely that TCE may have been -- was likely. I
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            will stick with that. Was likely used for about 80 years.
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                           More probable than not; correct?
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                           THE COURT: Ask your next question.
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                           MR. BLUM: All right.
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                   Q
                           If we go back, at some point in time, did you
        2.1
             state whether or not the property had been used for the
            manufacture of fireworks?
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        23
                           Yes, I did state that.
        24
                           And if you can look at table 2, what are the
        25
            years that fireworks manufacturing would have been done?
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	1	A 1936 to 1942.		
	2	Q All right. Now, when you took a look at the		
	3	site, did you find any evidence that there were remnants of		
	4	fireworks in some of the landfills?		
01:24PM	5	A I can't remember specifically if that was the		
	6	case.		
	7	Q Well, if you go to page 18 of your report, ma'am,		
	8	do you see where it says "solid wastes"?		
	9	A Yes, I do.		
01:24PM	10	Q Do you see where it says "trenching and testing		
	11	at those 29 sites indicate disposal of nonhazardous and		
12 haz		hazardous materials including fireworks"?		
	13	A Yes. Fireworks, spent missile and rocket		
	14	casings, crushed and intact drums, powders, detonators,		
01:25PM	15	sandblast residue, propellant, red phosphorous, sewage sludge,		
16 sludge, and various other stained material		sludge, and various other stained materials. So I didn't		
	17	remember that one.		
	18	Q Now, wasn't there also fireworks specifically		
19 found in the Hula Bowl?		found in the Hula Bowl?		
01:25PM	20	A I don't recall.		
	21	Q Now, in your report didn't you state that in		
	22	the I'm sorry. Let me get to the right spot that in the		
	23	late 1960s there was a changeover by Whittaker from TCE to TCA?		
	24	A I do recall that sentence. That came directly		
01:26PM	25	out of the Acton-Mickelson remedial investigation report, and I		

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             practically plagiarized that paragraph because it was according
         2
             to Bermite employees. So I don't think even Acton-Mickelson
         3
             knew that directly firsthand.
                           Do you ever put things in your report that you
         4
                   0
             don't believe to be true?
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                   Α
                           Well, you have --
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                           That's a statement.
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                           The question is do you put things in your report
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         9
             that you do not believe to be true?
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                           No. Of course not.
        11
                           All right.
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                           But --
                   Α
        1.3
                   Q
                           I'm done with my question.
        14
                           I just would like to explain.
                   Α
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                           THE COURT: You will have an opportunity on
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             redirect.
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                           THE WITNESS:
                                          Thank you.
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                           BY MR. BLUM:
                                          I want to talk about -- generally
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             about contamination in the groundwater. In the offsite
01:27PM
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             groundwater, was there contaminants found that you believe
        21
             could not have been from the Whittaker site?
                           I can't recall. There were some -- there were
        22
                   Α
        23
             some contaminants that I didn't do any kind of detailed
        24
             tracking on because their concentrations were so low.
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             Saugus 1, in particular, I think saw some additional VOCs in
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             addition to TCE and PCE, but their values were not quantifiable
             by the lab they were so low. So there wasn't a lot of
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         3
             information that I could use for trying to track those
             contaminants.
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                           For instance, do you recall whether or not
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         6
             benzene or ethyl benzene or toluylene were found in the
         7
             groundwater?
                           In what well?
         8
                   Α
         9
                           In any of the offset wells installed by Whittaker
                   Q
             or any of the groundwater wells that are the subject of this
01:28PM
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        11
             case.
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                           I don't recall, but we could look that up. But
                   Α
             it's in the database.
        1.3
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                           All right. Let's move on.
                           Let's take a look at Exhibit 179, please.
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                       (Marked for identification and received
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                       into evidence Exhibit No. 179.)
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                           BY MR. BLUM: Now, Exhibit 179 is an AECOM TCE
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             concentration map, again, from May of 2019; correct?
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                           Yes.
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        2.1
                           This is for basically aquifer S-3A; correct?
                   Q
        22
                   Α
                           That's correct.
        23
                           And, again, is it correct that it shows a TCE
        24
             contours not extending off the Whittaker site; correct?
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                   Α
                           That's correct.
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                           MR. BLUM: All right. If we can go to
            Exhibit 180.
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                       (Marked for identification and received
                       into evidence Exhibit No. 180.)
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                           THE COURT: Please make sure that, if you're
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         6
             referring to an exhibit that hasn't been received, that you
         7
             follow the procedure that was previously stated.
                           MR. BLUM: 179 and 180 are stipulated.
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                           Again, this is for a different aguifer, and it
                   Q
            also shows TCE concentration maps not exiting the Whittaker
01:29PM
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        11
            site; correct?
        12
                                That's not correct.
                   Α
                           No.
        13
                   Q
                           All right. Does it show the contours stopping
        14
            within the Whittaker site?
01:29PM
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                           The first mistake is that you said it was a
        16
            different aquifer. It's the same aquifer.
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                           Let's move on. Let's go to 182.
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                       (Marked for identification and received
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        19
                       into evidence Exhibit No. 182.)
                           BY MR. BLUM: What is 182?
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                   Q
        2.1
                           182 is the water level contour that we saw from
                   Α
        22
            May 2019 from the Whittaker monitoring report, and there are
        23
             two areas of TCE contamination that are higher in concentration
        24
            than 5 PPB. Recall that the concentrations, as you mentioned
        25
            earlier in the water supply wells, were higher than 5 PPB.
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it doesn't mean that TCE is not in those wells at this time.
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         2
                           But the high concentrations or at least above the
         3
            MCLs on the site don't extend beyond the site; correct?
                           But that's an interpretation.
         4
                   Α
                           If you look at the contour lines -- do you see
01:30PM
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         6
             the contour line for 5 parts per billion?
         7
                           Yes, I do.
                   Α
                           Other than the corner between OU-4 and OU-3, it's
         8
                   Q
             contained at the site; correct?
                           That's generally correct. If I can just draw, I
01:31PM
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        11
             can pull that TCE contour in that direction.
        12
                           All right. But that's not what AECOM did.
                   Q
        13
                   Α
                           That's because it's their interpretation.
                           Okay. Now, if we go further towards the top,
        14
01:31PM
        15
             there's another contour; correct?
        16
                           I'm sorry, please. I was distracted. Would you
            mind repeating?
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        18
                           If we go to the top above V-201 and V-205, there
             is another contour; correct?
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                   Α
                           Correct.
        2.1
                           And can you put a circle around that, please?
                   Q
        22
                   Α
                           Yes. Of course.
        23
                            (Witness drawing.)
                           The contour does this, but the contour could do
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        25
            this.
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	1	O Took the line that they done Not of some
	1	Q Just the lines that they drew. Not of your
	2	drawing.
	3	A You can see the lines they drew from the green.
	4	Q Can you please put a circle around the lines that
01:31PM	5	AECOM drew?
	6	A Yes. Of course. I'm sorry. I don't think I
	7	have control of the red. I'm so sorry. There we go.
	8	That's what you wanted me to do?
	9	Q Yep. Now, between where the concentration is
01:32PM	10	above 5 at the Whittaker site, there is how much space until
	11	you get to other new concentrations that are above 5 parts per
	12	billion?
	13	A Well, there aren't many wells; right. There are
	14	no wells at all.
01:32PM	15	Q Ma'am, it's not my question.
	16	A I'm sorry. Please.
	17	Q How much space?
	18	A Well, let's let's say you can use this as
	19	about 1,500 feet. So let's say that they have there is my
01:32PM	20	thousand. I will use this. A little over a mile, I think.
	21	Q Okay.
	22	A But without data in between.
	23	Q Well, isn't there isn't there a well, never
	24	mind.
01:33PM	25	The wells that are on the furthest top, isn't it

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             true that those are what's called the DW and Mall well
         2
             clusters?
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                           Generally. I think it's DIW but close.
                           Okay. And you haven't looked for or at whether
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                   0
             or not there's a source for the DIW and Mall well clusters
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             independent of Whittaker, have you?
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                           Well, I was focusing on the pathways to the water
                   Α
             supply wells, so the DIW wells were less of a concern.
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                           My question is you didn't look at the sources for
        10
             the DIW or Mall wells, did you?
01:33PM
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                           MR. GEE: Objection. Outside the scope of
        12
             assignment.
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                           THE COURT: Overruled.
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                           You can answer.
                           THE WITNESS: I didn't focus in on what DIW-1,
01:34PM
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             for example, is and then began to compare that to everything in
        16
        17
             the same way I did the water supply wells because the scope was
        18
             to look at the water supply wells.
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                           BY MR. BLUM: In other words, you didn't think it
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            was your job or part of your task to determine whether or not
        2.1
             there was a source of TCE outside of the Whittaker site?
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                   Α
                           Well, I know there were other sources. That's
        23
            not the point.
        24
                   Q
                           Okay. What are those other sources?
        25
                           I think that there is a site with TCE and it's
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                   Α
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             near the Saugus 1 well SIC.
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                           All right.
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                           That was in a lot of the expert reports
             associated with this, but the DIW wells were not part of the
         4
             focus of what I was trying to do.
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                           What's the zone of influence for -- by the way,
         7
             if we're talking about a well and you say the zone of influence
         8
             for a well, what does that mean?
                   Α
                           I'm not 100 percent sure what you mean by that.
                           Did you ever see a report that talked about V-201
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        11
             and, when it's pumping the area, that the pumping impacts?
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                           Are you talking about capture zones?
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                   Q
                           Capture zones. What's a capture zone?
                           A capture zone is when a well is pumping.
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            Remember the circles that we saw for when a pump well was
        16
            pumping and how that circle was skewed upgradient. So that
        17
             gives that well the opportunity to capture water that's coming
        18
             down from the upgradient area. And so there are -- I'm going
        19
             to say there are at least maybe eight or ten different versions
             of capture zones that have been done for this site for the
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        2.1
            variety of these wells for different reasons over time. And
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             so, yes, I have seen a lot of the capture zones.
        23
                           How about for specifically V-201?
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                           Yes.
                                 I have seen capture zones for V-201, at
        25
             least four or five of them.
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	1	Q Do you know an individual named Meredith Durant
	2	who works for Kennedy Jenks?
	3	A Yes. I'm smiling because you asked me that in my
	4	deposition.
01:36PM	5	Q You're aware she is another reliable and
	6	reputable expert; correct?
	7	A Yes, she is. She's an environmental engineer
	8	with Kennedy Jenks Consultants.
	9	Q In the capture zones that she prepared and
01:36PM	10	submitted to the DDW, didn't the capture zones include the DIW
	11	and Mall wells?
	12	A Oh, I know what you're talking about. That's for
	13	the 97-005 report.
	14	Q Yes.
01:36PM	15	A Yeah. So that capture zone is a future capture
	16	zone. That hasn't happened yet.
	17	Q Okay. While V-201 was operating, did the capture
	18	zones include the Mall wells and the DWO clusters?
	19	A No. I don't think so.
01:37PM	20	Q All right. I want to move on, and I want to talk
	21	about how stuff gets to groundwater.
	22	Have you looked at how deep the groundwater is
	23	from the surface at the Whittaker site at the site?
	24	A Yes. It varies over the site quite a bit, and it
01:37PM	25	varies over time.

	1	Q	And it could be up to 7- or 800 feet; correct?
	2	А	That seems deeper than I thought. Where is it
	3	700 feet?	
	4	Q	How about in the area of Building 317? How far
01:37PM	5	is it from the	surface to the groundwater?
	6	А	I don't know beneath the impoundment. I didn't
	7	think it was 7	00 feet, but certainly it's several hundred feet.
	8	Q	And in order for something that is released into
	9	the impoundmen	t to get to the groundwater, it has to go through
01:38PM	10	the soil; corr	ect?
	11	А	It goes through the sediment. So the sediment
	12	beneath the Wh	ittaker site consists of
	13	Q	That's not my question.
	14		Whatever it's made up of, it has to go through
01:38PM	15	the sediment;	correct?
	16	А	It goes through the sediment, yes. Not the
	17	soils.	
	18	Q	And the how quickly it moves through that
19 sediment is based on numerous different variables;		sed on numerous different variables; correct?	
01:38PM	20	А	Yes.
	21	Q	Now, what does it mean if the sediment is
	22	heterogeneous?	
	23	А	Most geological formations are relatively
	24	heterogeneous,	and it simply means that there is variety or
01:38PM	25	variability of	properties across the aquifer.

	1	Q In terms of sediment, doesn't it mean that
	2	something just because you know what it's like in one part
	3	doesn't mean it's going to be like that in another part.
	4	A That's correct.
01:39PM	5	Q And it varies all through the thousand acres that
	6	we're talking about here.
	7	A It does vary.
	8	Q All right. And because it's heterogeneous and
	9	because we haven't done all the testing for all the variables,
01:39PM	10	it's true that at least as of your deposition no one has
	11	determined how long it would take to move from the surface to
	12	the groundwater.
	13	A Yeah. I think that's right because we looked in
	14	all of the Whittaker reports. I was really surprised to see
01:39PM	15	that there had been no vadose zone study, unsaturated zone
	16	studies in any of the Whittaker reports.
	17	Q So as of the at least as of the deposition,
	18	there is no testimony or no studies of how long it would have
	19	taken the perchlorate or the VOCs to move assuming there was a
01:39PM	20	leaking of the 317 impoundment to the groundwater below the
	21	<pre>impoundment; correct?</pre>
	22	A We can make estimates, but there have been no
	23	studies that I have seen.
	24	Q All right. Now, the you made certain
01:40PM	25	estimates, did you not, about how long it would take for or

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            how long it's been that the VOCs had been in the groundwater
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             and how long they have had to migrate, didn't you, in your
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             report?
                           I have a section on groundwater velocities and
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             travel times.
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                           And didn't you conclude that it would take
         7
            between -- it would take between 50 and 80 years -- the VOCs
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            have had 50 to 80 years to migrate?
                   Α
                           No. That was not my conclusion.
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                           Do you recall using the word 50 to 80?
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                           So I think you're talking about table 8, and we
        12
            mentioned that briefly previously. And on table 8 we have the
             data -- the field data that Whittaker collected and the water
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        14
             supply agencies collected that relate back to those groundwater
            velocities. And I think I'm clear in table 8 that there's a
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            variety of velocities that can be calculated depending on
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            whether you are using onsite or offsite data and also depending
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             on which aguifer you're actually looking at.
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                           Let's go to a table. I think it was table 8.
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                           That's correct.
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                           Table 8, at the end of the day, you have a bulk
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             average of .87; correct?
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                           I don't know about the end of the day, but
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             there's a .87 on my table because that was an average of some
        25
            of the data that are on the table.
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	1	Q All right. And if you go to the next page under		
	2	the next section 7.4.4.2 under travel times are you with		
	3	A I'm on the next page, yes.		
	4	Q All right. The last sentence of the first		
01:42PM	5	paragraph you use .87 feet as the velocity in your predictions;		
	6	correct?		
	7	A So I'm sorry. Next page the last sentence says		
	8	"The bulk groundwater velocity is 0.87 feet per day which is		
	9	similar to the offsite individual HS used velocities."		
01:42PM	10	Q I'm looking at page 42 of your report.		
	11	A I am on 42.		
	12	Q Section 7.2.4.2. Do you see that?		
	13	A I do see that.		
	14	Q Using an estimated average groundwater velocity		
		of .87 feet per day, that's the one you used; correct?		
	16	A I don't know about that's the one I used. That's		
		the one I used in that sentence, and that's only for our		
		establishment of an extreme case using a conservative number to		
	19	see if it was going to be a controlling factor.		
01:43PM	20	Q All right. Well, if you go to the next page, the		
	21	first paragraph you do refer to it as a conservative average;		
	22	right? At the bottom of the first paragraph?		
	23	A Yeah. And read that sentence. You know, even		
	24	with the conservative average linear groundwater velocity of		
01:43PM	25	0.87, that really was the extreme case.		

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	1	Q	Well
	2	А	If I could explain how this fits together.
	3	Q	Ma'am. Ma'am.
	4	А	I'm sorry?
01:43PM	5	Q	Do you ever refer to it as an extreme case?
	6	A	I refer to it as the conservative case.
	7	Q	All right. Now, if you go further down, you see
	8	the paragraph	that starts "Actual retardation"?
	9	A	Yes.
01:43PM	10	Q	Now, at the end of that paragraph, don't you
	11	state, "Contar	mination from the Whittaker site could have
	12	impacted wate:	r supply wells over a 50- to 80-year period"?
	13	A	Again, this
	14	Q	Isn't that what you said?
01:44PM	15	A	That is what the sentence said but
	16	Q	All right. Now
	17	A	It's cherry-picking the information.
	18	Q	Can you show me in your discussion
	19		THE COURT: Mr. Blum, a little bit lower, a
01:44PM	20	little bit so	fter.
	21		MR. BLUM: Sorry, Your Honor.
	22	Q	Ma'am, can you show me in your discussion of the
	23	time where you	u use any number other than .87 feet per day?
	24	А	Yes. Of course.
01:44PM	25	Q	Sure. Show me where. In that section show me,

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            please.
                           Page 42, the last sentence -- the last paragraph
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             in that upper section reads as follows: "Using an average
             linear groundwater velocity from onsite areas alone, 5.6 feet
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            per day, would suggest that contaminants could migrate 3,000
01:44PM
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             feet in just 1.5 years allowing contaminants to migrate from
         7
             source areas to the site boundary."
                           But we have -- the wells here are partly onsite
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                   Q
             and partly offsite; correct?
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                           They are.
                           And when you -- and at least, for instance, if we
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        12
             take a look at V-201, isn't V-201 mostly offsite?
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                   Α
                           Yes. Let me explain.
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                           Isn't V-205 mostly offsite?
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                           I can see where you're going, so let me explain.
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                   Α
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                           Let's go on to the next issue.
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                           THE COURT: Ms. Stanin, he doesn't want you to
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                       You will have an opportunity -- and if he does, he
             explain.
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            will let you know. You will have an opportunity to explain if
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            Mr. Gee thinks it's appropriate.
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                           THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. Thank you.
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                           THE COURT: Just listen to his questions.
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             the questions, please.
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                           THE WITNESS: Thank you.
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                           BY MR. BLUM: Now, how far is it from the
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            Hula Bowl to S-1?
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                           I'm sorry, to -- which part of the Hula Bowl?
         3
                           Well, I think you used the word, by the way, 5-
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             to 6,000 feet on page 43.
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                           And so that number varies depending on where you
01:46PM
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         6
                   I'm not sure exactly what I was doing at that moment.
         7
            But the Hula Bowl ravines and the Hula Bowl source areas are a
             little bit different.
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                           Doesn't it say "Distances to the OU-4 Hula Bowl
                   0
             ravines are shorter, about 5- to 6,000 feet"?
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                   Α
                           They are shorter, yes.
        12
                           And it was shorter than the distances from the
                   Q
        13
            Burn Valley; correct?
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                           That's correct.
                   Α
                           Have you actually -- have you actually calculated
01:46PM
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             out, given percentages of how far -- how much onsite versus how
        16
            much offsite there is -- how long it would have taken for
        17
             contaminants to have moved from one location to another?
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                           Part of the reason that that hasn't been done is
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            because the offsite information comes from water supply wells
        2.1
            which actually average all of the aquifers. So those onsite
        22
             numbers, even though they say "onsite," that just means that's
        23
            where the data were collected from. And because they are
        24
             aquifer specific, that's probably the better numbers with
        25
             respect to contaminant travel than any of the bulk numbers that
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	1	combine all the aquifers together.
	2	Q So in the end of the day, is there enough data to
	3	do the calculation to determine how long it would have taken
	4	for just the groundwater part of it to move from the
01:47PM	5	Burn Valley to S-2?
	6	A Yes. I think there's enough information to do
	7	some estimations and approximations. And my order of magnitude
	8	estimate here was only to see if it was a controlling factor,
	9	and then the other expert that's also involved in this case is
01:48PM	10	doing a more detailed assessment, a more deep dive with respect
	11	to the travel time issues.
	12	Q And when you say a controlling factor, the
	13	question you were trying to answer was, given the time periods
	14	in which there have been releases at the site, was there
01:48PM	15	sufficient time; correct?
	16	A Yes.
	17	Q You were not trying to say, "Given the time
	18	period that Whittaker has occupied the site was there enough
	19	time," were you?
01:48PM	20	A I was mainly interested in the Whittaker site.
	21	Q But I'm talking about the site as general and not
	22	the time period that Whittaker as a company occupied the site;
	23	correct?
	24	A That's correct.
01:48PM	25	Q So you're not saying there was sufficient time

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             for the time period that Whittaker was the operator of the site
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             for material to have migrated, are you?
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                           Well, I think there was, but that isn't what this
                   Α
             is talking about.
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                           Is that in your report? You don't state that in
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             your report, do you?
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                           No. Because --
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                   Q
                           Thank you.
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                           All right. Now, let's move on. Let's move on to
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             Saugus 1.
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                           If we can get 158 back up, please.
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                           Ma'am, can you show us where -- I'm sorry. Where
             Saugus 1 and 2 are?
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                           Saugus 1 and 2 are here and here, and they are
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             labeled.
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                           Okay. Do you recall when the extraction wells
             were put -- were operating for Saugus 2?
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                           I'm sorry. I don't understand the question.
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                           Saugus 2 is actually extracting water from the
                   Q
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             aquifer; correct?
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                           Yes. It's a pumping well.
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                           When was that pumping well put online?
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                           Soon after -- probably within a year after it was
             installed.
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                           2010?
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                           Oh, you're talking about -- okay. So it was put
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             online right after it was installed, and I'm going to say that
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            was 1989ish, the late '80s, I think. So that well was pumping
             from the time it was installed until it became contaminated
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            with perchlorate.
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                           All right. And it went offline; correct?
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                           Because they couldn't operate the well because it
            was contaminated.
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                           And after the Saugus perchlorate treatment
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             facility was built, it went back online; correct?
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                           Yes. It was down about 12 years, I think.
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                           When did it come back online?
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                           Sometime in 2010.
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                           All right. And since then it's been pumping
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            water from the aquifer; correct?
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                           That's correct.
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                           And it's also been acting as what's called a
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            containment well; correct?
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                           It is acting as a containment well. I'm not sure
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            who plans it, but yes.
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                           Can you tell the jury what a containment well is?
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                           Yes. Of course. So recall we talked about what
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            happens in a pumping well, that it makes this kind of
        24
            depression, and water from kind of a large area around the well
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            goes into that well. And so, because of that well, now it's
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	1	sort of gathering water around it. If you go upgradient, that
	2	well sees water coming toward it, and even water coming toward
	3	it over here will get captured by it. Water coming over here
	4	will get captured by it. So it captures a larger area.
01:51PM	5	Remember, we talked about how it captures a
	6	larger area than a monitoring well would capture. And so if we
	7	extend that capture upgradient, we can say anything flowing
	8	downgradient and hitting that circle, that's going to go in
	9	that well. So that's what we call a capture zone.
01:52PM	10	MR. BLUM: Okay. If we could put up Exhibit 169,
	11	please, which is stipulated into evidence. It's figure 18 from
	12	your you know what, do do this one. Sorry.
	13	(Marked for identification and received
	14	into evidence Exhibit No. 169.)
01:52PM	15	Q BY MR. BLUM: This is from your report, correct?
	16	A Yes, it is.
	17	Q All right. Now, would you agree with me that, in
	18	terms of Saugus 1 and Saugus 2, the three main VOCs found in
	19	order of significance is TCE, PCE, and 11-DCE; correct?
01:52PM	20	A For the VOCs?
	21	Q Yes.
	22	A Yes.
	23	Q What is 11-DCE?
	24	A You mean its molecular structure?
01:53PM	25	Q Is it related to TCE or PCE?

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                           No. It's a degradation product of 1,1,1-TCA.
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                           Is it also through a mechanical degradation
         3
            related to TCE?
                           I have seen the literature on that. I can't give
         4
            you an opinion on that.
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                           By the way, TCA, has it been detected in Saugus 1
         7
             or 2 or V-201 or 205?
                           No. I don't think so.
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                           Now, isn't it correct that you don't know what
                   Q
             the source is of -- well, at least at your deposition you
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            didn't know what the source was of the 11-DCE found in Saugus 1
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            and Saugus 2?
                           I haven't made a determination about those
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             concentrations because they're just too low to even be
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             quantified. They're difficult to track.
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                           Didn't you say in your deposition the reason you
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            did it -- didn't do it was because it just wasn't part of your
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             iob?
                           Well, it wasn't in the pathway scope
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             specifically, but that's part of the reason because it's just
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             too low to be trackable.
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                           Right. And so it would be correct that sitting
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            here today you don't know the source of the DCE found in
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             Saugus 1 and 2?
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                           That's correct. I haven't made that
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	1	determination	
	2	Q	So you can't say it was Whittaker, can you?
	3	А	I can't say one way or the other. I know
	4	Whittaker det	ected 11-DCE onsite.
01:55PM	5	Q	Well, if we could go to actually, your
	6	Exhibit 169.	And you see in the bottom right-hand corner there
	7	is the highes	t concentration maps for DCE; correct?
	8	A	Correct.
	9		MR. BLUM: Can you blow that up?
01:55PM	10		THE WITNESS: I don't know.
	11		MR. BLUM: I'm talking to
	12		THE WITNESS: Sorry.
	13		MR. BLUM: It is okay.
	14	Q	Now, all those white dots, what do they mean?
01:55PM	15	А	Those are wells in which 11-DCE was not detected.
	16	Q	So other than the northern part of the site and
	17	the I gues	s it would be the southern part of the site, there
	18	is no DCE fou	nd in any of the wells, is there?
	19	А	That's correct. DCE had not been detected in the
01:55PM	20	Hula Bowl rav	ines or the Hula Bowl source area.
	21	Q	Well, isn't there also where is Saugus 1 and
	22	Saugus 2?	
	23	А	They're here and here.
	24	Q	All right. So based on that, wouldn't you
01:56PM	25	conclude that	there is no evidence to support the fact that

	1	Whittaker is the source of the DCE in Saugus 1 and Saugus 2?
	2	A Other than pathway.
	3	Q Well, just because there's a pathway doesn't mean
	4	that something has taken the pathway; correct?
01:56PM	5	A That's why I didn't determine it as the source.
	6	Q Well, did you look for what could be the source?
	7	A I didn't make a determination for anything that
	8	wasn't quantifiable above the lab reporting limits.
	9	Q Well, within the wells, within Saugus 1 and
01:56PM	10	Saugus 2, wasn't there quantifiable amounts of DCE?
	11	A I don't recall that.
	12	Q Ma'am, if there is a source of DCE independent of
	13	Whittaker, could that source also be a source of TCE?
	14	A It could.
01:56PM	15	Q You don't know; correct?
	16	A That's correct.
	17	Q So sitting here today, you can't tell me whether
	18	or not there are other sources of TCE that could have
	19	contributed to the TCE found in Saugus 1 or Saugus 2, can you?
01:57PM	20	A Well, if you want to try to explain what other
	21	sources other than the ones we've looked at. We have looked at
	22	many of the sources in this area. We did in 2002. I think
	23	there was an, I don't know, 20 or so sources we looked at then,
	24	and they couldn't have been the source. And we looked at
01:57PM	25	additional sources in 2006. I didn't look in additional

	1	sources for the expert report that I'm working on.
	2	Q Ma'am, aren't there often the cases where you
	3	find contamination in the groundwater and you just can't figure
	4	out where it comes from?
01:57PM	5	A I have to say I don't think I have worked on a
	6	site where I couldn't figure out where something comes from.
	7	It depends on the information and data, I suppose. I'm having
	8	trouble thinking about that.
	9	Q Well, haven't you said repeatedly that you don't
01:58PM	10	believe there is sufficient characterization of the
	11	contamination offsite?
	12	A Absolutely. I think that's right.
	13	Q Couldn't that be the explanation at to why we
	14	haven't found that source of DCE?
01:58PM	15	A That's a possibility. But I'm just thinking
	16	about the data that we know now. It's hard to say that there
	17	could be something that's there that we don't know anything
	18	about.
	19	MR. BLUM: Could we go to figure 186, please?
01:58PM	20	I'm sorry. Exhibit 186 which is stipulated into evidence.
	21	(Marked for identification and received
	22	into evidence Exhibit No. 186.)
	23	Q BY MR. BLUM: What is Exhibit 186?
	24	A This is a representation of one of the capture
01:58PM	25	zones that I was just talking about. I could probably have

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             explained it a lot better if I had been looking at this.
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             we could get rid of those red -- thank you.
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                           This is a capture -- these are capture zones for
             pumping wells Saugus 1, Saugus 2, NC-13, and NC-12.
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                           For instance, if you take a look at the
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             capture -- this is also an exhibit from your report; correct?
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                           Yes. But it was prepared by Whittaker.
                           Well, I would assume, if you included it in your
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             report, you would think it is reliable; correct?
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                           It is reliable for the purposes that it's used.
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                           So if you take a look at the capture zone for
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             Saugus 2, what we are looking at is basically those black lines
             that begin in the circle at Saugus 2 and extend through the
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             Whittaker site; correct?
                           That's correct.
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                           All right. And those black lines encompass the
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             Hula Bowl; correct?
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                           Correct.
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                           They also encompass the Burn Valley; correct?
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                           Correct.
                           So according to this, any contamination in the
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             Burn Valley or in the Hula Bowl is going to be drawn towards
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             and into Saugus 2.
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                           Correct.
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                           So that would include, for instance, VOCs; right?
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	1	А	Yes.
	2	Q	It would include which includes TCE and PCE;
	3	correct?	
	4	А	Correct.
02:00PM	5	Q	If TCA is there, it would include TCA; correct?
	6	А	Correct.
	7	Q	And it would include perchlorate?
	8	А	Yes.
	9	Q	And it would and it also it is drawing it
02:00PM	10	not only towa	rds Saugus 2 but also towards the three monitoring
	11	wells that ar	e on the very, very west end of the Whittaker
	12	site; correct	?
	13	А	Correct.
	14	Q	All right. And one of those would be MP1-01
02:00PM	15	which is, I t	hink, the one on the bottom; correct?
	16	А	Correct.
	17		MR. BLUM: Now, if you can go back, please, to
	18	Exhibit 169.	If we can blow up, Rick, the one on the upper
	19	left.	
02:01PM	20	Q	Do you see those three green dots on the where
	21	OU-4 is on the	e very western part?
	22	A	Yes.
	23	Q	Can you just draw a circle around them?
	24	A	I just did.
02:01PM	25	Q	If we can just

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	1		THE COURT: Why don't you try it again.
	2		THE WITNESS: Thank you.
	3	Q	BY MR. BLUM: Can you draw a circle around.
	4	А	Yes.
02:01PM	5	Q	Okay. And the bottom one is?
	6	А	MP1.
	7	Q	All right. Now, MP1 has been operating for about
	8	ten years; co	rrect?
	9	А	Not quite. 2002, I think.
02:01PM	10	Q	And there's about 31 samples taken from it per
	11	year; correct	?
	12	A	Not per year, I don't think.
	13	Q	How many samples are taken per month, then?
	14	A	I think per month?
02:02PM	15	Q	Per month. One per month?
	16	A	No. I don't think MP1 has been monitored monthly
	17	at all.	
	18	Q	Well, how many times has there been any TCE
	19	been found in	MP1?
02:02PM	20	A	I don't know. One or one or two aquifers have
	21	detected it.	
	22	Q	Okay. And the first time that it was found was
	23	in June of 20	19; correct?
	24	А	You're looking at the data, so perhaps you know
02:02PM	25	better than me	e. I couldn't possibly have memorized all of the

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             dates for 200 wells.
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                           MR. BLUM: Your Honor, may I hand the deposition
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            to the witness?
                           THE COURT: Yes.
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                           Do you need to, or can you get at this a
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             different way, Mr. Blum?
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                           MR. BLUM: Well, I can read it to her, but I
             thought the Court wouldn't let me do that.
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                           THE COURT: She's not, I don't think, taking
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             issue. She's just not recalling off the top of her head.
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                           MR. BLUM: Your Honor, I'm just trying to get
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            her -- I just want to refresh her recollection.
                           THE COURT: All right. That's fine.
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                           BY MR. BLUM: Ma'am, it's 109, lines 1 through
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             11. Just read it to yourself.
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                           (Witness reviewing the transcript.)
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                           MR. BLUM: Your Honor, I think we have a witness
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             in the courtroom.
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                           THE COURT: Again, I'm going to ask counsel to be
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            mindful of their witnesses and make sure they're not in the
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            courtroom.
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                           While we're at a pause, may I just ask all
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             counsel to let their witnesses know not to come into the
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             courtroom until they are summoned, please.
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                           MR. RICHARD: Yes, Your Honor.
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                           BY MR. BLUM: Does that refresh your
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             recollection, ma'am?
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                           It refreshes my recollection of the deposition,
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             yes.
                           And it tested non-detect for VOCs until June of
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             2019. Correct?
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                           That's what it says here, yes.
                           That's what you testified to; correct?
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                           That was the question. Yes. I thought it was
             correct, so I must have been checking.
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                           All right. Now, what does "non-detect" mean?
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                           It means that the laboratory is unable to detect
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             that contaminant at the level that the analytical method that
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             the lab uses is capable of doing.
                           And 2019 was after the remediation system was
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             installed by Whittaker on their site; correct?
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                           I believe that most of that went in in 2017.
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                           All right. Could the reason why we only had
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             detections at that location after -- not until 2019 be because
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             the remediation system is pulling water in different
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            directions?
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                           I haven't analyzed that. I can't imagine that
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             those small pumping wells are able to pull downgradient that
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                   But I haven't analyzed it, so I can't say for sure.
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                           Now, if we look at the middle well, the one above
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	1	MP1, have VOCs been found in that well?
	2	A If I could just
	3	Q Well, let me rephrase the question.
	4	A I am I believe that it has, and I believe it's
02:06PM	5	probably in only a couple of samples. But I can't I just
	6	can't recall for sure when and how much.
	7	Q And the same would be for the RM well above it;
	8	correct?
	9	A Yes.
02:06PM	10	Q If if we can go back to Exhibit 186, please.
	11	If Saugus 2 has been pulling contaminants from
	12	the Hula Bowl that contain VOCs and the burn area which contain
	13	VOCs and they also both contain perchlorate, wouldn't you
	14	expect that those border wells would have both perchlorate and
02:06PM	15	VOCs at the same time since they use the same pathway and they
	16	migrate on the same locations?
	17	A No. And it's because these pathways that are
	18	shown here on the capture zones are just not capable of
	19	capturing all of the detail that we know on the site. We know
02:07PM	20	that, for example, the pathway for these wells here actually
	21	goes to the northwest.
	22	And I think you know, I think I have often
	23	thought about this as well. I think part of the problem is
	24	that the groundwater model that Whittaker developed doesn't
02:07PM	25	have the San Gabriel fault zone, which we know to be a barrier

1 to groundwater flow in it. So it's allowing these streamlines 2 of Saugus 1 to go in odd directions that don't really occur in 3 the subsurface that we know. So I think that you're trying to use this capture 4 zone for the wrong purpose. 02:08PM 5 6 All right. When you decided to include this 7 capture zone in your report, did you take into account that 8 it's really not that accurate? Α Yes. Of course. And it's not used in that way. My pathways that I have analyzed for this project 02:08PM 10 11 come directly from the field data. They do not include the 12 model capture zones because there were so many different 13 capture zones that represented so many different things. 14 thought this one was as close as we could get with respect to 02:08PM 15 the overall pathway representations. But you shouldn't use a 16 model to replicate what you can do from real data measured in the field. 17 18 So field data trumps models? 0 19 So a model is a -- as we all know, a numerical 02:09PM 20 representation of the physical system and it can't represent 2.1 every detail. You have to think about what the model is being 22 used for. So there has to be an objective. 23 For this particular project, the objective of the 24 pathways analysis was to determine, with respect to groundwater 25 flow directions, where the contaminants were going beneath the 02:09PM

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	1	Whittaker site.
	2	Q Let's go to Exhibit 184, which I think you
	3	described as the pathways that you relied upon; correct?
	4	A Correct.
02:09PM	5	Q Isn't there an arrow that's drawn right through
	6	the western boundary?
	7	A Yes. And
	8	Q And that's one that you drew; correct?
	9	A Yes. That's correct. I did draw that.
02:09PM	10	Q Now, so so, indeed, water does flow right
	11	through the western boundary past those three wells; correct?
	12	A Some water does but not water with VOC a large
	13	source area of VOC contamination.
	14	Q Well, those lines, does it show the lateral
02:10PM	15	extent? Do you know what I mean by "lateral extent"?
	16	A Yes. Of course I know what lateral extent
	17	Q What does it mean?
	18	A "Lateral extent" means how far something might
	19	extend in a lateral condition. You can I don't know if
02:10PM	20	you're talking about it with respect to the well of the
	21	aquifers, but that is what lateral extent means.
	22	Q For instance, there is a line that goes right
	23	underneath where MP1 is; correct?
	24	A I'm sorry. What kind of line?
02:10PM	25	Q Well, do you see the red line, that dotted line?

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	1	А	Yes.
	2	Q	You see right above that there is a blue line;
	3	correct?	
	4	A	Yes.
02:10PM	5	Q	That blue line, again, is a pathway; correct?
	6	A	Yes.
	7	Q	And that pathway would anything within that
	8	pathway captu	re VOCs?
	9	A	I don't know what you mean by "capture." So the
02:11PM	10	pathways don't	capture anything.
	11	Q	Would the VOCs be within the area that that
	12	the pathway or	ccupies?
	13	A	Yes. And that pathway goes around MP1. MP1 is
	14	just a little	5-inch well in the subsurface. And they the
02:11PM	15	green dot is	just bigger than what it is, which is why those
	16	two touch. Bu	at the pathway goes around it.
	17	Q	What is the lateral extent of that pathway in
	18	terms of le	et's see if we look at it. North is up; correct?
	19	A	Correct.
02:11PM	20	Q	South is down; correct?
	21	A	Correct.
	22	Q	How far north is the lateral extension of that
	23	pathway?	
	24	А	You don't know.
02:11PM	25	Q	So it could take in MP1; correct?

	1	No. Decayee we know MD1 is not on the nothern
		A No. Because we know MP1 is not on the pathway
	2	because MP1 doesn't have VOCs in it.
	3	You know, this is this is also what you have
	4	to consider. You have to look at the water quality data to be
02:12PM	5	able to determine VOC migrations of pathways.
	6	Q Isn't there can't one of the reasons be it
	7	doesn't have VOCs in it because the VOCs aren't migrating
	8	offsite?
	9	A No. That's not the reason. We know VOCs are
02:12PM	10	migrating offsite.
	11	Q We know that because there's VOCs in the wells;
	12	correct?
	13	A Correct.
	14	Q That assumes, doesn't it, that Whittaker is the
02:12PM	15	only possible source, doesn't it?
	16	A I'm sorry. The only possible source of what?
	17	Q If there is another source of VOCs outside the
	18	site, such as the same site source that is causing the
	19	contamination at the Mall wells, the same source that's causing
02:12PM	20	the contamination of the DCE, then you cannot assume that the
	21	mere presence of VOCs in Saugus 1 and Saugus 2 shows that
	22	Whittaker is a source, can you?
	23	A Well, there's certainly a lot of corroborating
	24	evidence that supports that, which is why I think it's true.
02:13PM	25	And you have to think about more than just one thing. So the

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            other thing --
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                           That's not my question, ma'am. Please answer my
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            question.
                           Okay. Could you ask it again? I'm sorry.
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                           Your assumption was that the reason that MP --
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             that the pathway that you described right below MP1 doesn't
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            extend to include MP1 is because there's no VOCs in it, but yet
            we find VOCs in Saugus 2; correct?
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                           I'm sorry. That felt very compound. I'm trying
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            to --
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                           THE COURT: Rephrase the question. And try to
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            simplify it if you can.
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                           BY MR. BLUM: Ma'am, the reason you believe that
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             there -- that the pathway that's right below MP1 doesn't
             laterally extend to MP1 is because there was no VOCs found in
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            MP1; correct?
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                           Well, there were VOCs found in MP1. They just
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            weren't very high.
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                           And the reason that's important is because you
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            assume that the only possible source of VOCs in Saugus 2 is
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            Whittaker; correct?
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                           No.
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                           If the source -- if we do not assume that
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            Whittaker is the source of VOCs in Saugus 2, can you state that
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            the lateral extent of that pathway that we have been talking
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             about doesn't include MP1?
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                           So we don't have any idea what the center lines
         3
            of the plumes are. And so I'm just drawing the pathway as a
             streamline, as a centerline, perhaps. And so the -- the fact
         4
             that the pathway goes that way has nothing to do with
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         6
            Whittaker.
                         It has to do with the information in the well. You
            have to use the information in the wells to draw the pathways.
         7
             That's how they're drawn.
         8
                           Well, does the pathway for that -- the blue line
             right above the red line, is that also a pathway for VOCs?
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        11
                           So the one that goes -- so you might recall from
        12
             the cross-sections that PZ09 doesn't extend down through the
        13
            S-3 aquifer. So it's a relatively shallow well. And as a
             result of that, it occurred to me, since we did have TCE
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            detected in both wells on either side, that we could be seeing
        16
             some VOCs go beneath it.
                           That's not my question, ma'am. Focus -- I'm
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                   Q
        18
             talking about MP1, and we're not talking about the PZ well.
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                   Α
                           Okay. I'm sorry.
02:16PM
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                   Q
                           Does the pathway that you drew, the blue pathway,
        2.1
             that's right above the red dotted line --
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                   Α
                           Yes.
        23
                   Q
                           -- is that a pathway for VOCs?
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                   Α
                           Yes.
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                           And does the lateral extent of that pathway
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                   Q
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            include the MP well?
                           You don't know that. And the reason that you
         2
            don't know that is because you don't know exactly when it went
         3
            by MP1. But I drew it around MP1 because MP1's concentrations
         4
            of VOCs aren't very high.
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                           So it could be that it hasn't been a pathway for
         7
            VOCs for almost a decade.
                           Yes. It could be that. I'm sorry. It could be
         8
                   Α
            that MP1 hasn't seen that for decades.
                           So for at least a decade, at least in that
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        11
            pathway, that VOCs haven't moved along that blue line.
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                   Α
                           You don't know that because it doesn't go through
        1.3
            MP --
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                           If we don't know, is it --
                   Q
02:17PM
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                           THE COURT: Mr. Blum, let's move on, please.
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                           MR. BLUM: All right. Let's move on.
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                           Last question, ma'am. When you don't know
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            something, does it go both ways? In other words, we don't know
        19
            that it has, but we don't know that it hasn't?
02:17PM
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                           THE COURT: Ask another question, please.
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                           MR. BLUM: All right. Let's move off of this and
        22
            let's move on to -- this is the last, I think -- next to the
        23
            last area I have.
        24
                   Q Let's move to V-205. Again, if we can put up
        25
            Figure 158.
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                           Now, can you show where 205 is?
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                   Α
                           Yes.
         3
                           Now, when the -- is it correct that in your
                   Q
             deposition you testified that the two bases for your conclusion
         4
             that Whittaker is the source of 205 is one flow direction and
02:18PM
         5
             the other covariance?
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         7
                   Α
                           Yes.
                           Now, when you say "covariance," is there a
         8
                    Q
             mathematical variation one uses to determine whether or not
        10
             something has sufficient covariance?
02:18PM
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                           If groundwater data and groundwater
        12
             concentrations -- hang with me -- if they were parametric in
        13
             their distribution, then you could apply a statistical
        14
             analysis.
02:19PM
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                           Have you done that?
                   Q
        16
                           No, because they are non-parametric. So let's
        17
             talk about parametric and non- --
        18
                           That's okay.
                   0
        19
                           You don't want to.
                   Α
02:19PM
        20
                   Q
                           There is no statistical analysis that you applied
        2.1
             to determine whether or not the VOCs sufficiently covaried with
        22
             the perchlorate to draw a conclusion that they're from the same
        23
             source; correct?
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                           Because they're non-parametrically dispersed.
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             wouldn't be appropriate.
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                           Now, in making a determination that -- your
         2
             determination, did you use any parameters, such as the
         3
             covariance has to be 80 percent? 90 percent? 5 percent? How
             did you determine it was enough covariance?
         4
                           That's a good question. And there is a lot more
02:19PM
         5
         6
             covariance for the onsite wells on the Whittaker site than
         7
             there are in the water supply wells, and here's why.
         8
            Because --
                           Ma'am, that wasn't my question.
                   Q
                           My question was: For the wells offsite,
02:20PM
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        11
             specifically for 205, did you use a percentage of covariance
        12
            necessary in order for you to reach a conclusion that the
             covariance was sufficient?
        1.3
        14
                           No, because it wouldn't have been appropriate to
02:20PM
        15
             do so, given that these are pumping wells.
        16
                           Okay. So you're not testifying that as to
        17
            Well 205, that there is sufficient covariance for you to draw
        18
             any conclusion, are you?
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                           From a covariance perspective, no. But it makes
02:20PM
        20
             sense that the pathways from the Whittaker site have impacted
             205.
        2.1
        22
                           And it makes sense because we find VOCs in 205.
                   Q
                                That -- there's so much evidence that --
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                   Α
                           No.
        24
                   Q
                           Okay.
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                           So the --
02:21PM
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                           THE COURT: Let him ask another question, please.
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                           BY MR. BLUM: Isn't that correct that -- when I
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            asked you at your deposition what was the basis of your
             conclusion that Whittaker was the source of the contamination
         4
             at 205, you raised only two reasons: One is covariance and,
02:21PM
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         6
             two, the pathway; correct?
         7
                   Α
                           That may -- you remember it better than me, so
             that may be correct. But that doesn't mean that the wells
         8
             aren't pumping, and that makes a difference.
                           If we can go to page 163, line 20, line [sic]
02:21PM
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        11
             164, line 2, please.
        12
                   Α
                           Okay. Hang on. 163.
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                           MR. BLUM: 163, line 20, through 164, line 2.
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                           THE WITNESS: Yes. Those are the two that I
02:22PM
        15
            mentioned, but I will just point out that I only answered in
        16
            one sentence. There's a lot more that goes into it than that.
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                           MR. BLUM: Byron, is it okay?
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                                     Improper impeachment.
                           MR. GEE:
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                           THE COURT: Sustained. She's answered the
02:22PM
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            question.
        2.1
                           BY MR. BLUM: So in your deposition, those are
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             the only two you mentioned; correct?
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                           Yes. But you didn't ask me if there were others,
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             and you didn't give me much of an opportunity to explain that
        25
            then either.
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	1	Q If we take a look at the pathway in isolation,
	2	the mere fact that there is a pathway isn't enough, is there?
	3	A Isn't enough for what?
	4	Q To conclude that Whittaker is a source; correct?
02:23PM	5	A No. But if there isn't a pathway, you probably
	6	would need to rethink the process. It isn't just the flow
	7	direction pathway that goes into it.
	8	Q All right. Ma'am, did you look for any evidence
	9	that there were other sources of VOCs that could have impacted
02:23PM	10	V-205 other than Whittaker?
	11	A I didn't do a detailed investigation, but I did
	12	look at the other sources that have been described in the area.
	13	I think, for example, in the CH2M Hill 2015 VOC analysis, there
	14	was a series of sources that had been analyzed by others and
02:23PM	15	determined not likely to be the source. So I looked at that
	16	information.
	17	I also looked at the additional information from
	18	other facilities that had been provided by others and
	19	determined that they didn't look like they had completed
02:24PM	20	pathways.
	21	The perchlorate that is detected in the water
	22	supply wells tell us that groundwater from the Whittaker site
	23	is in the well. So you know that already. So the TCE follows
	24	with that.
02:24PM	25	Q Is 205 downgradient from 201?

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                           It's a little bit cross-gradient. It is
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             downgradient. It isn't screened exactly the same as 201.
         3
             it is a little bit -- you know, there's some uncertainty
             associated with that process. But the problem -- it's not a
         4
            problem. But the reason that they --
02:24PM
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         6
                           Is it downgradient? That's all I asked.
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                   Α
                           It makes a difference whether the wells are
         8
            pumping as to whether or not it's downgradient.
         9
                           If they're both not pumping, are they
                   Q
        10
             downgradient?
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                   Α
                           It is more side gradient, if nothing is pumping.
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                           What is farther from the Whittaker site? 205 or
                   Q
             201?
        1.3
        14
                           205.
                   Α
                           VOCs, were they first detected in 205 or 201?
02:25PM
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                   Q
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                           That's a -- I think the first detection of VOCs
                   Α
        17
             in 205 -- I think that happened first. I think it was a few
        18
             years' difference.
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                           So there was a few years between the time that
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             the well that is farthest away and is downgradient was
        2.1
             contaminated than the well that was closer to the site and
        22
            upgradient; correct?
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                   Α
                           So again --
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                   Q
                           Is that correct?
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                           THE COURT: You're going to have to rephrase your
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	1	question because it actually misstated something she said.
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	2	Q BY MR. BLUM: Okay. Isn't that correct that the
	3	well closest to the Whittaker site was contaminated after the
	4	well that was farthest away?
02:25PM	5	A Yes. And I can explain that.
	6	Q All right. Thank you.
	7	THE COURT: Mr. Gee?
	8	REDIRECT EXAMINATION
	9	BY MR. GEE:
02:26PM	10	Q Ms. Stanin, can you explain your last answer?
	11	A Thank you. Yes, I can.
	12	So because V-201 and V-205 are pumping, that
	13	really changes the flow dynamics of what's happening in the
	14	groundwater system at that time.
02:26PM	15	So two things were happening with V-205. One,
	16	contaminants are actually continuing to leave the site and head
	17	downgradient along that V-205 pathway. That's still occurring
	18	at the same time that these pumping wells over here are
	19	actually pulling and containing, meaning not letting it go
02:27PM	20	downgradient, of that area.
	21	When those wells were off, recall that he talked
	22	about how the wells were on, they become Saugus 1 and
	23	Saugus 2 were on. They became contaminated. They turned those
	24	wells off. When that occurred that occurred over 12 years.
02:27PM	25	When that occurred, the flow dynamic of the entire system

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             changed. And V-201 -- because the water agency still needed
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             water, V-201 and V-205 were pumping.
         3
                           So V-201 began to pull the contaminants that
             Saugus 1 and Saugus 2 already had in place. V-205 is sitting
         4
             over here, letting the pathway from the Whittaker site continue
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         6
             to migrate.
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                           So the timing of this well and this well getting
             contamination in them is not this simple upgradient,
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         9
             downgradient. You know, it should have happened first or it
        10
             shouldn't have happened second. It's just because the wells
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            were pumping at various times and at various rates.
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                           It's readily explained. It's just not as simple
        13
             as is the well upgradient or downgradient.
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                   Q
                           Thank you.
                           Can we display Exhibit 184?
02:28PM
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                           Ms. Stanin, I'd like you to take a look at
            Exhibit 173.
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                           When you use the term "covariant" and "pathways,"
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            was the covariant -- the covariant that you were talking about
             onsite or offsite of the Whittaker Bermite site?
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        2.1
                           I think we talked about both, but this is showing
                   Α
        22
             covariance onsite.
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                           And the reason that you showed covariant, was
        24
             that to -- I believe your testimony was that it was to show
        25
             that the contaminants flow together; is that correct?
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	1	A Yes. To be a little more exacting, I already
	2	knew that the water supply wells had perchlorate in them.
	3	That's groundwater from the Whittaker site. So if TCE is
	4	migrating with the perchlorate, then it could, too, arrive at
02:30PM	5	the water supply wells.
	6	Q Okay. And does it show that perchlorate and VOCs
	7	migrate along the same pathways?
	8	A Yes. For these wells, that's what these charts
	9	indicate to me.
02:30PM	10	Q And so if the VOCs and perchlorate flow along the
	11	same pathways and they're covariant on the site, would that
	12	what conclusion would that lead you to for detections and,
	13	for example, V-205?
	14	A They're continuing to move offsite along the same
02:31PM	15	pathways that perchlorate used probably to arrive at 205.
	16	Q Okay. Mr. Blum discussed some onsite extraction
	17	wells as small pumping wells. Can you explain that to me?
	18	A Yes. As part of the site cleanup, Whittaker is
	19	required to install and operate extraction wells. And those
02:31PM	20	extraction wells aren't these big 2,500-gallon-a-minute,
	21	24-inch water supply wells. They're small wells, and they're
	22	meant to do nothing more than to remove as much contaminant as
	23	possible to keep it from continuing to migrate off of the site.
	24	So they're trying to contain or capture, hold the contamination
02:31PM	25	onsite.

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                           Okay. And so if we're to look at the -- I don't
                   Q
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             remember the term that -- the --
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                           Cone of depression around the pumping wells?
                           Yes, cone of depression around the pumping wells.
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            How would you compare the cone of depression around those small
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             extraction wells to the water protection wells?
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                           They're much smaller. The area would be
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             commensurate with the amount that they are pumping. And most
         8
             of those wells are pumping 20, 30 gallons per minute rather
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             than 2,500 gallons a minute, which is what the supply wells are
02:32PM
        11
            pumping.
        12
                           Okay. And, Ms. Stanin, when you were doing your
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             analysis -- we talked about plausible pathways, and your
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             analysis was -- was your analysis to suggest that it's more
             likely than not that contaminants found in the production wells
02:33PM
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             originate from the Whittaker site?
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                                 That's what "plausible" means.
                   Α
                           Yes.
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                           And that doesn't mean that -- your analysis
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             doesn't extend beyond it's more likely than not, does it?
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                   Α
                           Correct.
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                           Ms. Stanin, there was a question regarding DCA
        22
            use at the Whittaker Bermite site. You mentioned that in your
        23
            background section of your report. Do you recall that
        24
             testimony?
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                   Α
                           Yes.
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	1	Q What was the source of that information?
	2	A I believe that the information that I put in my
	3	expert report came from the Acton-Mickelson 1997 remedial
	4	investigation at the Whittaker site.
02:34PM	5	Q And was that was that piece of history
	6	relevant or significant to your expert analysis?
	7	A Well, no. It was just background information. I
	8	included as much information as I could based on the historical
	9	documents, but I didn't check it firsthand. I had no way to do
02:34PM	10	that.
	11	Q And what from the Barbara Mickelson report,
	12	where did she get that information from? Do you recall?
	13	A I actually do recall this because I actually said
	14	in my report according to Bermite employees. I just read that.
02:34PM	15	So she got that information from Whittaker.
	16	Q Are you aware of any more reliable source than
	17	that report?
	18	MR. BLUM: Objection, Your Honor. Beyond the
	19	scope of the report or her testimony.
02:34PM	20	THE COURT: It's overruled. Strike that. I'm
	21	sustaining it but not on that ground. It's a bit vague.
	22	Q BY MR. GEE: Okay. With regard to DCA used at
	23	the Whittaker site, did you have any other information as to
	24	when DCA was first used at the Whittaker site, other than the
02:35PM	25	Acton-Mickelson report?

	1	MR. BLUM: Beyond the scope of the report.
	2	THE COURT: Overruled. You opened the door on
	3	this.
	4	Q BY MR. GEE: I'm sorry. The question is other
02:35PM	5	than the Acton-Mickelson report, do you have any other source
	6	that tells you when Whittaker started to use DCA at the site?
	7	A No. I don't have any other source. It's my
	8	understanding it was TCA rather than DCA.
	9	Q I'm sorry. TCA.
02:35PM	10	So in your report, is it correct to say that you
UZ:33FM	11	used the best information that you had?
	12	A I felt like that was the case.
	13	Q And you weren't intentionally misleading anybody?
	14	A No.
02:35PM	15	Q Ms. Stanin, Mr. Blum brought up a lot of
	16	different questions about and solicited quite a bit of
	17	testimony. Did any of the materials that Mr. Blum showed to
	18	you change any of your conclusions as you described them to the
	19	jury today?
02:36PM	20	A No.
	21	MR. GEE: I think that's all I have.
	22	THE COURT: Anything further, Mr. Blum?
	23	MR. BLUM: No, sir.
	24	THE COURT: All right. You're excused. Please
02:36PM	25	watch your step going down. Thank you.

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                           Ladies and gentlemen, we have now concluded for
             the day. We will pick this up tomorrow at 8:30.
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                           Please remember, do not speak to anyone about the
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            case, the people, or the subject matter involved. Continue to
            keep an open mind.
02:36PM
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                           Have a good evening, everyone. We will see you
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            at 8:30 tomorrow. Thank you.
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                       (The following proceedings were held in
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                       open court outside the presence of the jury:)
                           THE COURT: Please be seated. It is now 2:37.
02:37PM
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            We're going to take a break in a moment to start the afternoon
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            session.
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                           You have your witness available?
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                           MR. RICHARD: Yes, Your Honor. Mr. Zelikson is
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            willing, ready, able. Mr. Cruz just asked that we remind him
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             again about setting up the Zoom call. So I think we're good to
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            go.
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                           THE COURT: All right. It's 2:37. So we are
        19
            going to break for 15 minutes. So we will return at 2:52.
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            Thank you.
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                           MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Your Honor.
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                       (A recess was taken at 2:37 p.m.)
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                           THE COURT: We are back on the record in the
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            trial matter outside the presence of the jury. This is an
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            afternoon session dealing with bench only issues.
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	1	You may call your next witness.
	2	MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Your Honor. Plaintiff
	3	would call Mr. Jeffrey Zelikson.
	4	THE COURT: Go ahead and have him sworn in,
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02:54PM	6	
		THE CLERK: Yes. Mr. Zelikson, would you please
	7	raise your right hand to be sworn.
	8	Do you solemnly swear that the testimony you
	9	shall give in the cause now before this Court shall be the
02:54PM	10	truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you
	11	God?
	12	THE WITNESS: Yes, I do.
	13	THE CLERK: Thank you, sir. Sir, for the record,
	14	would you please state your name and then spell your last name.
02:55PM	15	THE WITNESS: Yes. The name is Jeffrey Zelikson,
	16	Z-e-l-i-k-s-o-n.
	17	THE COURT: Mr. Richard.
	18	MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Your Honor.
	19	JEFFREY ZELIKSON,
02:55PM	20	CALLED BY THE PLAINTIFF, WAS SWORN.
	21	DIRECT EXAMINATION
	22	BY MR. RICHARD:
	23	Q Mr. Zelikson, can you hear me okay?
	24	A Yes, I can.
02:55PM	25	Q Okay. And there is no one in the room with you

	1	today?	
	2	А	No.
	3	Q	Okay. Can you tell us where you work?
	4	А	I work at a company called Norris Advisors.
02:55PM	5	Q	What is your position there?
	6	А	I'm a principal
	7	Q	Okay.
	8	А	with Norris Advisors.
	9	Q	Can you describe for us your education and
02:55PM	10	employment his	story briefly for the Court?
	11	А	Yes. So I have a an engineering degree from
	12	the City Unive	ersity of New York which I obtained in 1967. I
	13	have graduate	level
	14		MR. BLUM: Your Honor, since this is before the
02:56PM	15	Court, I would	d stip he is an expert and allow a c.v. to be
	16	entered.	
	17		THE COURT: Very well.
	18		MR. RICHARD: Okay. For continuity, I'm still
	19	going to draw	it out a little bit, Your Honor, but thank you.
02:56PM	20	I appreciate t	that.
	21		THE COURT: You can. You're on the clock, so
	22	just take your	time.
	23		MR. RICHARD: You do have a sense of humor,
	24	Your Honor.	
02:56PM	25	Q	Did you work for the EPA at some point, sir?

	1	А	Yes, I did.
	2	Q	When was that?
	3	А	I joined EPA during its first year of existence
	4	in 1971.	
02:56PM	5	Q	Okay.
	6	А	I was there for 25 years and left in 1995.
	7	Q	Okay. And just, in general, what did you do
	8	after you left	?
	9	А	I went into private sector consulting. My work
02:56PM	10	since '95 has	been primarily in doing expert analysis and
	11	testimony in m	matters related to hazardous waste sites which is
	12	where I focuse	ed a lot of my attention when I was at the agency.
	13	Q	Okay. Very briefly, can you pull up I think
	14	you prepared a	a PowerPoint; is that right, sir?
02:57PM	15	А	Yes.
	16	Q	Let's see if we can go to slide 1. I don't want
	17	to spend a lot	of time on this since your c.v. will be coming
	18	in.	
	19		THE COURT: How are we making this part of the
02:57PM	20	record?	
	21		MR. RICHARD: My thought, Your Honor, would be we
	22	can send this	to Your Honor when we're done just as we did with
	23	opening.	
	24		THE COURT: Well, we still need to at least mark
02:57PM	25	it for the rec	cord. So how are you marking this PowerPoint?

	1	MR. RICHARD: We will mark it as next in order.
	2	MR. BLUM: Your Honor, we have never seen this.
	3	THE COURT: Mr. Richard?
	4	MR. RICHARD: Yes. All of the demonstratives in
02:57PM	5	this have been provided to counsel.
	6	THE COURT: So every single slide in this
	7	PowerPoint has been provided?
	8	MR. RICHARD: No. I think the words have not but
	9	all the pictures and charts have, Your Honor.
02:57PM	10	THE COURT: All right. So do you have an
	11	objection, Mr. Blum, to him playing the PowerPoint?
	12	MR. BLUM: I guess not, Your Honor.
	13	THE COURT: All right.
	14	Q BY MS. RICHARD: Just briefly, can you tell us
02:58PM	15	and let's break it up into what you did with the USEPA and your
	16	experience with sites in the United States involving time
	17	critical removal actions.
	18	A Okay. So when I was at the EPA, I worked in two
	19	regions, region 2 which is New York and region 9 which is in
02:58PM	20	California. I spent 25 years there. My primary focus
02.00111	21	particularly as it's relevant to a matter that we are dealing
	22	with today was in managing, directing the division of hazardous
	23	waste which put me in a position to run and have the
	24	responsibility to make decisions at our most important sites.
02:58PM	25	The agency calls them national priority sites. We had 125 of
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1 So I was responsible for making clean-up decisions and 2 interacting with communities regarding those sites during that 3 time. In addition, my responsibilities including --4 included the direction of our emergency response program which 02:59PM 5 6 is where we performed time critical removal actions over the 7 time that I was there. Over that time we did about 20 to 30 of those a year. I was involved in making decisions in both about 8 how to clean those sites up and how to interact with the 10 community at about 200 sites. 02:59PM 11 Keeping this concise, when I left EPA in 1995, my 12 consulting practice understandably focused on sites, hazardous 13 waste sites, because that's where I spent the first 25 years 14 under the EPA. And my practice is focused primarily on 03:00PM 15 evaluations and expert opinions regarding the necessity and 16 consistency of response actions under the NCP. And I have been 17 retained on about 100 different sites to provide those 18 opinions. 19 And just two quick -- I don't want to interrupt. Q 03:00PM 20 Two quick definitions. You refer to the NCP. Can you tell us 2.1 what that is briefly? 22 Yes. The NCP, I can actually -- this next slide 23 if you want to go into that. It means the national contingency 24 plan. That's a shortened version of what it actually means. 25 It's -- it's the regulations that implement the Superfund 03:00PM

1 Again, there's a longer term for the Superfund program. 2 In 1980 the United States Congress passed the 3 Superfund statute which is called CERCLA which is -- I don't want to get into all these acronyms, but it was the nation's 4 effort to deal with the past poor disposal practices that we 03:01PM 5 6 had in the country for hazardous waste. 7 Okay. Q The NCP is the regulations that implement that 8 Α 9 statute. 03:01PM 10 And did you become familiar with those 11 regulations while you were with the EPA? 12 Α Absolutely. They were what governed my actions 13 and the division of people that I was directing. That was our, 14 you will, our bible for how to conduct clean-ups at Superfund 03:01PM 15 sites whether they were long-term actions or short-term 16 actions. 17 And did you actually have any input or contribute Q 18 to those regulations? 19 Yes. So I joined the agency before that 03:01PM 20 Superfund law was passed, and the first set of regulations to 2.1 implement the Superfund law came out in 1982. And there were 22 subsequent revisions to that. The one that we're working with 23 today was passed in 1990. What happens when regulations are 24 developed nationally, the people in EPA headquarters in 25 Washington, D.C. seek the input from the regional directors as 03:02PM

1 they're developing those programs to get sort of ground truth experience in how those regulations are developed. 2 3 As the regional director, both in Region 2 and Region 9, I participated in quarterly meetings at least where 4 aspects of the regulations were discussed. We provided our 03:02PM 5 input. So yes, I contributed to the development of those 6 7 regulations. Okay. Very good. Before we move into the 8 Q 9 details of the NCP, can you tell us what your assignment was in 10 this matter, Mr. Zelikson? 03:02PM 11 Yes. So my assignment in this matter was to 12 evaluate the costs that the Santa Clara Valley Water Agency was 13 claiming and whether or not those costs were incurred -- were, 14 first, necessary and were they incurred consistent with the 03:03PM 15 NCP. 16 Have you provided any other services to SCV Water? 17 18 Yes. Over the years I have. Α There was an 19 earlier litigation which was -- ended in a settlement, and I 03:03PM 20 provided an expert report in that case. I think that was in 2.1 2006. Earlier on before being retained as an expert to provide 22 this testimony that I am providing today, I was retained as a 23 consulting expert to the water agency to assist them in how 24 they conducted themselves with the actions they were taking to 25 try to assist them and make sure that they were taking them 03:03PM

1 consistent with the national contingency plan so they would be 2 in a good position to recover their costs down the road. 3 I didn't catch the very last part of what you said. So they would be in a position to what? 4 To make an effective cost recovery case which is 03:04PM 5 what we are talking about right now. So yes. That's what I 6 7 assisted them in doing. Okay. So you told us when the NCP regulations 8 Q 9 were first put --10 THE COURT: Before you do that, tell me more 03:04PM 11 specifically what consulting you provided to the water agency 12 with respect to issues of cost recovery. So my question, 1.3 Mr. Zelikson, is focused on what specific areas of cost recovery did you consult with him on. 14 03:04PM 15 THE WITNESS: Okay. So it would be anything that would relate to their ability to put an effective claim 16 17 together. So the first part, although this didn't work out so 18 very well, I talked to them about how they should keep their 19 cost records, if they were going to make a claim for their 03:05PM 20 internal costs, for example. I also talked to them about 2.1 making sure they kept good records on invoices that they were 22 getting from outside consultants who were helping them. 23 I also helped them more recently in making sure 24 that, when they were looking at a long-term solution to -- we 25 will get into this more later -- to the solution to the VOCs 03:05PM

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             that they were experiencing in their water supply that was
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             serving as a block to getting a --
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                           THE COURT: You have to stop, sir, because the
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             serving as a block to getting a what?
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                           THE WITNESS: A permit for their perchlorate
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             treatment plan.
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             an engineering evaluation cost analysis which is something that
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            has to be done to select a remedy according to the way the NCP
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             is laid out. So I was advising them as to how to do that, and
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             they eventually hired a separate consultant to help implement
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             that particular part of this problem that they were dealing
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            with. We will talk about that a little bit more later in my
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             testimony.
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                           So I helped them making sure that they had, if
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             you will, in lay terms, their ducks lined up so they would be
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             in a position to make an effective cost recovery claim.
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                           THE COURT: Mr. Richard.
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                           MR. RICHARD: Thank you.
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                           And you just referred to this engineering
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             evaluation.
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            stand for?
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	1	A Engineering evaluation cost analysis.
	2	Q Okay. Just to put a time frame, following up on
	3	the judge's questions to you, was this in the past few years
	4	that you were dealing with the EE-CA related issues?
03:07PM	5	A Yes.
	6	Q Okay.
	7	A I think I started that in 2018.
	8	Q Very good. Thank you.
	9	And can you tell us the in general the can
03:07PM	10	you explain the framework and purpose of the NCP, in your
	11	experience?
	12	A Yes. I have a slide for that.
	13	So the regulations that implement the Superfund
	14	law provide an organizational structure for parties that are
03:07PM	15	implementing the Superfund and trying to clean up sites. It
	16	provides a series of stepwise actions that need to be taken.
	17	The NCP was originally constructed to govern the
	18	actions that EPA was taking. But in 1990, it was amended to
	19	specifically have a set of provisions that would allow for
03:08PM	20	private parties to take actions. And it set out a separate set
	21	of provisions for private parties.
	22	So it basically is a stepwise approach to
	23	identifying and cleaning up hazardous waste sites. And it
	24	provides consistency across the country for both how the agency
03:08PM	25	needs to do it and also how private parties should be

1 conducting themselves to comply with these requirements. 2 So in the context of responding to the releases 3 of hazardous substances, how is the NCP important in that context? 4 Well, it sets out the rules for how you -- a 03:09PM 5 6 number of things. Right? How you investigate and clean up a 7 site. So it sets out how you do an investigation, how you do a feasibility study, looking at alternatives. Once you have a 8 site characterized, then you are in a position to figure out 10 what kind of remedies you might employ. It calls out for 03:09PM 11 looking at various alternatives. These are for the longer term 12 cleanups. Then there's a process for selecting a remedy and 13 involving the public in that. 14 It also includes provisions for what you do when you find problems along the way, either at an MPL site or any 03:09PM 15 16 other site that require a more immediate response. And broadly 17 speaking, it is divided into what they call remedial 18 requirements, which are what I just talked about, the remedial 19 investigation feasibility study process, and then there's a 03:10PM 20 shorter term type of action that you take, which are called 2.1 removal actions, which are either short-term action --22 immediate removal actions or ones that we would call non-time 23 critical removal actions. We can talk more about that later. 24 Before we go into the details of the difference 25 between remedial and removal, you pointed out that initially 03:10PM

1 this applied to the EPA and then, when they couldn't handle all 2 the Superfund sites, it was expanded to include cleanups by 3 private parties. Did I get that right? Yeah. Essentially, that is right. I mean, I 4 Α think private parties conceivably could have taken the 03:10PM 5 6 initiative to clean up sites on their own. 7 But what became clear, as the 1990 version of these regulations was being developed, is that EPA was not in a 8 position to provide oversight of all of the sites in the country. The estimates were 30,000 hazardous waste sites in 03:11PM 10 11 the country. EPA had carved out maybe 1,500 across the whole 12 country that they could focus on. 13 So they were looking for a set of provisions that 14 would encourage private parties to go out and do cleanups and then allows them, where appropriate, to recover the costs that 03:11PM 15 they had incurred from other parties who may have had liability 16 for it. So it was kind of a situation that we have here. 17 18 Right. But I just want to ask you this -- I want 19 this to be -- I want to be clear on this point. 03:11PM 20 Are the rules different for government cleanups 2.1 as opposed to private party cleanups under the NCP? 22 Yes, they are. Compliance with the NCP is very 23 different for private parties. And this last bullet point here 24 on this slide, the standard that was established in 1990 was 25 substantial compliance, which we can go into a bit more later. 03:12PM

	1	But it basically provides a much more flexible
	2	approach with private parties, understanding that private
	3	parties won't have wouldn't have had all of the detailed
	4	knowledge that the EPA would have. And it provided a more
03:12PM	5	flexible approach that the with the public policy
	6	perspective of encouraging private parties to do this and not
	7	be thwarted in the end in their ability to recover costs from
	8	other private parties who had liability for the site.
	9	Q How do you know that the NCP rules are not to be
03:12PM	10	used as a rigid checklist in private party cost recovery
	11	actions?
	12	A Because it says so in the NCP itself.
	13	Q So my follow-up question is: In your experience,
	14	do professionals who routinely work in the area of NCP
03:13PM	15	compliance understand that it's a different framework for
	16	cleanups led by a government entity versus private party cost
	17	recovery?
	18	A Yes.
	19	Q There's a pretty major distinction, or is it just
03:13PM	20	a minor detail you happened to stumble on?
	21	A No, this is a major distinction.
	22	Q Okay.
	23	A This slide here, by the way, this is a I
	24	should explain, if you need me to, the fact that this is an
03:13PM	25	instruction in the preamble to the national contingency plan

1 regulation. 2 So the regulations, when they came out, had a 3 preamble, which sort of summarized the public comments and the decisions the agency finally made in putting out the 4 regulations. And it set out some general instructions as to 03:13PM 5 6 how to look at these regulations. And that is all in the 7 preamble. It's part and parcel of the regulations themselves. And this is a statement directly from that where this whole 8 point about strict compliance was extremely important. 10 And so what is the -- I think you have touched on 03:14PM 11 this but just to be clear. What is, in your experience, the 12 general framework for evaluating the compliance or substantial compliance with the NCP for a private party cost reaction? 13 14 What is the framework that you use? 03:14PM 15 Substantial compliance. That's the question; right? It's a more flexible standard that requires -- and 16 17 ultimately some judgment that a seasoned practitioner could 18 make and provide their valuation to the trier of fact, in this 19 case Judge Blumenfeld. But it gives an opportunity to make 03:14PM 20 some judgment calls about what is and what is not applicable 2.1 and what is and is not important. 22 It also requires you to look at, you know, the 23 site specific circumstances within which you're trying to make 24 these judgments. 25 I have another slide that we might look at, if 03:15PM

1 that's okay. So again, this is a statement out of the 2 3 preamble. Very similar statement is in the body of the NCP itself, but let me just talk about this. 4 So this is basically --03:15PM 5 6 Well, let me ask you a question. And let's try 7 to stick to question and answer just so I can follow along and 8 everyone is happy. Α Right. You have a -- the slide you prepared says, "PRPs 03:15PM 10 11 must be in substantial compliance with the NCP." And you 12 talked to us about substantial compliance. What are you 13 referring to when you say a PRP? 14 Basically a private party. And what are the key elements, in your view, of 03:15PM 15 16 substantial compliance with the NCP, again, for private party 17 cleanup, in your experience? 18 Well, that you would evaluate the site specific 19 circumstances within which the cleanup is occurring and then 03:16PM 20 make judgment calls about the relative consistency with the 2.1 applicable requirements. That's what this slide here says for private parties. You -- when you look at the site specific 22 23 circumstances, which is how you would interpret evaluating as a 24 whole, you look to see that the private party actions were 25 insubstantial and in reasonable compliance with the potentially 03:16PM

1 applicable requirements. 2 All of these phrases are very important. 3 Well, let's break it down. Hold on. Let's break Q Let's start with the last one first, and then you can 4 explain the others. 03:16PM 5 6 You say with potentially applicable requirements. 7 How does that influence in matters where you're involved in evaluating and counseling clients on NCP compliance -- again, 8 private party compliance? 10 Well, it's just to say that not every provision 03:17PM 11 of the NCP is applicable to the response actions a party is 12 taking. So one of the jobs of an expert is to take a look at what response actions were taken and make a determination as to 13 14 which sections of the NCP are and which are not applicable to 03:17PM 15 those response actions. 16 And then how does the requirement or the aspect 17 that it be evaluated as a whole, how does that come into play, 18 in your experience? 19 That comes into play in -- as you're making these 03:17PM 20 judgments about what's applicable and substantial compliance is 2.1 to look at the site specific circumstances and facts within 22 which the response action is being taken. 23 Okay. And in your experience, would a seasoned 24 professional in this area be familiar with the flexibility that 25 you have just outlined as inherent in the substantial 03:18PM

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	1	compliance aspect or standard for private party cost recovery?
	2	A Yes.
	3	Q Just briefly, why is that flexibility needed
	4	instead of just requiring a private party to meet every
03:18PM	5	requirement to guarantee compliance with the NCP?
	6	A It goes back to the public policy concern about
	7	wanting to encourage private parties to take action and not to
	8	have their cost recovery actions defeated for some reason that
	9	wasn't really substantive.
03:18PM	10	Q Okay. And how do you know that was the intent of
	11	these regulations or the U.S. EPA?
	12	A It's stated in the NCP. It's stated in the
	13	preamble. And I experienced this when I was at the agency.
	14	This was clearly the intent.
03:19PM	15	Q Okay. Could you please take us and the Court
	16	through how you evaluated the recoverability of the costs that
	17	you reviewed in this matter, that is, the water agency's cost?
	18	A Yes. Sure.
	19	So over the years, I have developed a methodology
03:19PM	20	for evaluating claims of this nature. Let me start with this.
	21	So that methodology starts with the cost claims
	22	because, ultimately, this is about a claim of one party against
	23	another for recoverability of costs.
	24	So I start with the with an evaluation of the
03:20PM	25	costs, and I make a determination which of the costs are,

1 indeed, response costs and which are not. This slide shows the result of that first step in the analysis, which is the water 2 3 agency gave us a whole lot of costs. The first job that I had was to say which one of these are potentially recoverable as 4 response costs? And I determined from that first screen, if 03:20PM 5 6 you will, that 7.6 million of those costs were not response 7 costs and, therefore, not able to be claimed. Such as what? 8 Q 9 These would be like law firm costs, expert costs, 10 other costs that -- for example, I talked to you before about 03:20PM 11 these internal costs. It turns out, despite my encouragement 12 for the agency to keep better records, it was very difficult 1.3 for them to do that for whatever accounting reasons. So they 14 had a half a million dollars in costs that they were claiming, 03:21PM 15 but they didn't pass the threshold of adequate documentation 16 because I couldn't determine if they were operating costs that 17 they were incurring or whether they were costs focused on the 18 cleanup activities or the legitimate response costs. 19 So let me stop you. You start out with the 03:21PM 20 15.9 million. You make this first cut. Then what do you do 21 with the reduced amount? You start with 15.9 million less the 22 7.6 million. Then what is your next step in the process? 23 Next step in the process is to do a detailed review of the cost documentation. Invoices in this case and 24 25 further down this column we looked at the costs associated with 03:21PM

1 the replacement a little bit. 2 The first thing to do was to take the remaining 3 costs and put them into categories so that I could determine -once you put them into a category you can figure out which 4 actions of the NCP apply to them and then make a judgment call 03:22PM 5 6 whether those were -- they followed the rules that were laid 7 out in the NCP and also make a determination whether these 8 costs were necessary. So the remaining costs of the 15.9 is this 8.3 million that you see in this chart. And what I was --03:22PM 10 11 okay. I will just stop there. 12 Good. I need to ask you a foundational question. 13 For the work you did in this case, what standard or definition of response activity did you use? What is a 14 03:22PM 15 response cost? 16 A response cost is a cost that was incurred to take an action to address the release of hazardous substances. 17 18 And then in your chart, you say "necessary Okav. 19 and consistent." So what does it mean for an activity, 03:23PM 20 assuming it's a response cost, to be necessary, in your 2.1 experience, under the NCP? 22 Okay. The first part of that is it has to be an 23 action that was taken to address the release of hazardous 24 substance -- hazardous substances. Then it has to be a cost 25 that was imposed on the party. There has to be a regulatory 03:23PM

1 nexus for it. 2 So you have to show typically that a regulatory 3 agency required the action and that, also, there's a component of it that is necessary that the action was taken to address an 4 impact on the environment or public health. That is the 03:23PM 5 6 necessary components to it. 7 All of these costs here on this table meet those requirements for necessity. 8 And how did you determine that? Q 10 Well, we look at the first group of costs, which 03:24PM 11 I will just highlight here. These costs all have to do with 12 the permitting of the perchlorate treatment facilities 1.3 basically that we had, either to maintain the permit for 14 Saugus 1 and 2, which is the first item, to get a permit for the V-201 well, which is the second item. 03:24PM 15 16 And the blending costs are the costs that were a 17 little bit more complicated to explain, but they were imposed 18 on us by the Regional Water Quality Control Board, basically. 19 So that is sort of the regulatory nexus for those. We can talk a little bit more about that later. 03:24PM 20 2.1 Then the perchlorate and VOC investigation costs 22 are about maintaining and evaluating the situation with regard 23 to perchlorate. And then the engineering evaluation cost 24 analysis was incurred to evaluate the VOC issue and some other 25 issues related to maintaining and complying with our permits 03:25PM

	1	that were we had with the Division of Drinking Water.
	2	And the last item on this list that I have
	3	highlighted has to do with the preliminary work that we were
	4	doing, knowing that down the road, we're going to have to also
03:25PM	5	employ perchlorate treatment on V-205.
	6	So all of these things have to do with getting
	7	permits and they are all necessary to comply with permit
	8	requirements, which is one of the elements of consistency that
	9	you have to evaluate.
03:25PM	10	Q So for the categories, we are looking at the
	11	slide entitled "SCV Water Necessary and Consistent Response
	12	Costs through November 2021." You evaluated each of those
	13	categories under the three criteria that you set up for us?
	14	A Yes.
03:26PM	15	MR. BLUM: Your Honor, I would object. A lot of
	16	these costs are beyond the scope of his deposition and his
	17	report, such as the EE-CA.
	18	THE COURT: Overruled.
	19	You can address this in any kind of briefing that
03:26PM	20	you wish to address with the Court.
	21	MR. BLUM: Thank you, Your Honor.
	22	Q BY MS. RICHARD: Okay. Let's move to the
	23	perchlorate treatment implementation costs more specifically
	24	that you have outlined.
03:26PM	25	Can you explain to us specifically for the

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            perchlorate treatment implementation costs why you have
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             testified those are recoverable under provisions of the NCP?
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             slide might help with that.
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            our costs here is Section 300.400(e), which says you have to
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            get appropriate permits. So in order to get these permits, we
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            had to -- we currently have the permit for Saugus 1 and
             Saugus 2, but it has a condition in it --
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            you very well.
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                           Oh, I'm sorry. We have a permit for Saugus 1 and
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             Saugus 2, but it has a condition in it that requires us to do
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            more work to get the VOC levels down to non-detect.
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                           MR. BLUM: Your Honor, I cannot hear the witness.
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                           THE COURT: It says to get the VOC levels down to
            a non-detect.
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                           But, Mr. Zelikson, all along, it's been a bit of
            a challenge to hear you. So I don't know if you can speak more
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             loudly or do something on your end to make it a little easier
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            on our end.
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                           THE WITNESS: Okay.
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                           MR. RICHARD: Go ahead and yell at us,
            Mr. Zelikson.
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                           THE WITNESS: Hang on. I will try to do that.
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1 Is that better? THE COURT: Move in probably a little bit closer, 2 3 speaking a little more loudly, and doing what you did, I think, will be useful. Thank you. 4 THE WITNESS: You're very welcome. 03:28PM 5 BY MS. RICHARD: You were going to explain the 6 7 various -- how the various requirements were fulfilled for the costs we're looking at, and you were explaining -- we were 8 talking about perchlorate treatment and then you mentioned 10 VOCs. Can you explain to me how you evaluated the perchlorate 03:28PM 11 treatment requirements if, you know, there are -- first of all, 12 let me ask you. Are there any costs exclusively related to VOCs? 1.3 14 I don't think any costs are exclusively related Α 03:29PM 15 to VOCs. No. 16 So then how does your analysis for the various 17 costs you have identified relate to the perchlorate treatment 18 and perchlorate permit issues that you have identified? 19 So the perchlorate treatment plan permit that we 03:29PM 20 have for Saugus 1 and Saugus 2 has a provision in it that says 2.1 we need to meet a standard of non-detect for VOCs. And we have 22 been working with the Division of Drinking Water through an 23 elaborate permit process which is occurring under a set of regulations for what they call 97-005. But it is an elaborate 24 25 permitting process to evaluate what needs to be done to achieve 03:29PM

1 this goal of non-detect for VOCs. 2 So we have been spending money to try to work 3 through that process to deal with this essential noncompliance situation that we have for the permits that we're holding for 4 Saugus 1 and Saugus 2. 03:30PM 5 6 And in general, what makes this situation unique 7 under 97-005? When does that generally apply? 97-005 applies to situations where you have --8 Α what the Division of Drinking Water calls an extremely impaired 10 source of your water supply. They have designated the Saugus 03:30PM 11 aquifer as an extremely impaired source. It meets their 12 conditions for such a designation. And that has led to a more 13 complex permitting process and has led to these requirements 14 related to non-detect for VOCs. 03:31PM 15 Q I see. 16 So moving down your list, we have the EE-CA, the 17 engineering evaluation cost analysis, \$233,359. Why is that included on this list of recoverable costs? 18 19 The EE-CA is the evaluation of what needs to be 03:31PM 20 done in the long-term to address the VOC contamination at all 2.1 of the wells that we have. That would be for Saugus 1 and 22 Saugus 2, for V-201, probably V-205 as well. And I believe 23 there's VOCs in all of those wells. 24 So the EE-CA is coming up with and has come up 25 with a solution to address the VOC problem in all of the wells 03:31PM

	1	that are drawing from the Saugus aquifer.
	2	Q So how is it that EE-CA costs meet the threshold
	3	for being necessary costs, in your view?
	4	A Because you have to have a permit for all of
03:32PM	5	those wells. And in order to get that permit, you need to
	6	address the issue of VOCs.
	7	Q Have you seen a final version of that EE-CA
	8	document?
	9	A Yes.
03:32PM	10	Q And then you mentioned V-205 treatment system
	11	design. What is that?
	12	A That's there's been some early work done to
	13	figure out and purchase some of the equipment that they
	14	openly the water agency believes they will need to deal with
03:32PM	15	perchlorate treatment at V-205.
	16	Q And what is it, in your view, that makes those
	17	V-205 treatment system design costs necessary under the NCP?
	18	A They are necessary to deal with the release of
	19	perchlorate, and they are necessary to ultimately get a permit
03:33PM	20	for V-205.
	21	Q And then you have a category of V-201 imported
	22	replacement water supply. Do you see that?
	23	A Down below.
	24	Q Yes. Down below.
03:33PM	25	A Yes.

	1	Q And what are those?
	2	A Okay. So that the when V-201 went out of
	3	service and was not able to be used for drinking water in the
	4	water agency system, they started a process of building a
03:33PM	5	perchlorate treatment plant. But in the meantime, they had to
	6	replace the lost water supply from not being able to operate
	7	V-201. And they purchased that water from the State Water
	8	Project.
	9	Initially, Whittaker paid for those additional
03:34PM	10	costs. But in the last several years, they have not. And so
	11	this 466,000 is the amount of money that the water agency has
	12	incurred to continue to buy replacement water until they can
	13	have a permit for V-201 and put that back into their
	14	distribution system.
03:34PM	15	Q So from what period of time, roughly, do those
	16	costs, the 466,000, when did Whittaker stop paying and you
	17	started counting for V-201 imported replacement water?
	18	A I'm not 100 percent sure of that. I think it's
	19	around 2017 or 2018.
03:34PM	20	Q In your view, what is it about those replacement
	21	water costs for V-201 that makes those costs necessary under
	22	the NCP?
	23	A Well, they are absolutely necessary to prevent
	24	V-201 had to go out of service, and it went out of service
03:35PM	25	because you don't want to provide water that has toxic

1 chemicals in it that is going to be violating DDW requirements. 2 So you take that out of service. And then the replacement 3 water is what we would call a time critical removal action cost to address the lost water supply. 4 And then the last category you have, that 03:35PM 5 6 4.1 million for V-205 imported replacement water, what does 7 that reflect? That is basically the same thing for V-205. 8 Α 9 V-205 went out of service because it was beginning to experience levels of perchlorate that were of concern to the 03:35PM 10 11 water agency and DDW. So the water agency took that well out 12 of service, and they had to buy replacement water to account 1.3 for the lost water supply. And they have been doing that 14 since, I believe, 2012. 03:36PM 15 What is it about those costs for V-205 imported replacement water that you believe makes them necessary costs 16 under the NCP? 17 18 They're necessary to, on the one hand, avoid putting water that has perchlorate in it into your distribution 19 03:36PM 20 system and it provides for the replacement water, is what we 2.1 call a time critical removal action, to make the water supply 22 whole again so that you can distribute water that is safe to 23 drink to the consumers of the water agency water. 24 Okay. So we've gone over the specific categories 25 of costs, but can you tell us how you evaluated NCP compliance 03:36PM

1 for these activity categories that you have been talking about? 2 Yes. So these are the sections of the NCP that I 3 looked at that were applicable to those requirements. And most of them, as I said, relate to permitting. Some of them relate 4 to documentation of the costs, which you can see by those 03:37PM 5 6 numbers, these numbers here that we -- those came from 7 invoices, for the most part. In some cases, it was estimates from the water agency Chief Operating Officer. 8 The applicable requirements here is the section 10 of the NCP that says you have to comply with the requirements 03:37PM 11 of regulatory agencies. In this case, DDW. 12 And finally, we would perform a removal action which is the time critical removal action that we talked about 13 for the replacement water and also for the EE-CA. 14 The EE-CA is a different kind of removal action, one where you have more 03:37PM 15 16 time to evaluate options. So in both cases, we evaluated both the time critical removal action and the non-time critical 17 18 removal action activities against these sections of the NCP and 19 determined that our actions were consistent with those 03:38PM 20 requirements. 2.1 The water replacement cost, the time critical 22 removal action will require some further discussion, which 23 we -- I'm sure we will talk about later in my testimony. 24 So, yeah, I just wanted to ask you. Out of the 25 eight categories for the costs that you have identified, the 03:38PM

1 last two are treated differently in your work, that is, for imported replacement water. Can you explain that? 2 Right. Because the first grouping of those costs 3 Α has to do with getting permits. It's sort of like clear 4 obligations that you have in order to get, maintain, and obtain 03:38PM 5 6 a future permit. These all relate to permitting. 7 The water replacement costs have to do specifically with making yourself whole by buying replacement 8 water so that you can continue to serve your customers safe 10 water to drink. And those would be classified under the NCP as 03:39PM 11 time critical removal actions. And so they are different than 12 the first grouping. 13 Okay. Well, just briefly, going through the categories that you have listed here, you went through each of 14 03:39PM 15 these, the documentation requirement and satisfied yourself 16 that that requirement was met? 17 Α Yes. 18 And then permitting, you have talked about that. 19 How did you satisfy yourself that that requirement was met? Well, we looked at all of the situations based on 03:39PM 20 Α 2.1 a review of all the documents where we needed permits from one 22 of the state regulatory agencies. In this case, it was from 23 DDW or the Regional Water Quality Control Board. We obtained 2.4 those permits. So that was basically our analysis of that. 25 Applicable requirements has to do with these 03:39PM

1 requirements in the DDW permits that was imposing these --2 particularly these VOC non-detect requirements on us. 3 whatever we did to spend money to address those and we're still spending money to address those uncertainties was the 4 applicable requirement related to addressing the VOCs. 03:40PM 5 6 Then talk to us about -- for a removal action, 7 you identified public participation. How did you evaluate 8 that? Α So there were two parts to that. There was the 10 EE-CA portion of it related to identifying a long-term solution 03:40PM to the non-detect issue for VOCs. That was evaluated -- that 11 12 EE-CA went through all of the steps that one has to go through to meet the NCP requirements for a non-time critical removal 13 14 action. They did -- they produced the document. evaluated alternatives. They presented it to the public. 03:41PM 15 16 selected a remedy. 17 Then they went back to the public and explained 18 that the remedies were selected. And eventually that document 19 was signed off on by Matt Stone, who is the general manager of 03:41PM 20 the water agency. So that went through the entire public 2.1 participation process, as it should, because there was the time 22 allowed for doing such. 23 So for these first six categories, before we go 24 into detail on the replacement water, what was your conclusion 25 as to whether those first six categories met the requirements 03:41PM

1 for NCP compliance? That they all did meet the requirements. 2 3 Okay. And now let's talk about how did you Q evaluate NCP substantial consistency for the last two 4 activities, this imported replacement water for V-201 and 03:41PM 5 6 V-205? 7 So the first step in that process, as I mentioned before, was to talk to the water agency, in this case 8 Keith Abercrombie who identified the amount of money associated 10 with all of those water purchases. I know that he's testified 03:42PM 11 in this trial already. And that we relied on his estimates of 12 what those costs were. That was in the previous table here, 466. 13 14 And he also did the same thing for the blending 03:42PM 15 order, by the way, that \$3 million costs. All of that water 16 had to be purchased from the State Water Project. So 17 Keith Abercrombie provided us the cost estimates for those 18 categories. 19 Then I had to make a decision as to what kind of 03:42PM 20 response action was this, and would it fit within the framework 2.1 of the NCP? And it seems clear to me -- and I don't think 22 there's really much controversy about this in the case -- that 23 in order to replace the lost water supply because these wells 24 went out of service, you had to take a quick action so that you 25 could continue to provide safe drinking water to the consumers 03:43PM

	1	of the water agency water. So this was a time critical removal
	2	action.
	3	Q And that's what you call a TCRA?
	4	A A TCRA, yes.
03:43PM	5	Q TCRA. Okay.
	6	And what do you mean when you say there was
	7	what's the standard, if there is one, for what makes a removal
	8	action a time critical removal action?
	9	A That you have a very short time frame within
03:43PM	10	which to take the action to address, in our case, a threat to
	11	public health. You have to replace the water with clean water,
	12	and you have to do it quickly because the consuming public is
	13	depending on you to do so.
	14	Q Can you give us any examples in your experience
03:44PM	15	of time critical removal actions?
	16	A Yes. And this is important because I think
	17	there's many different types of time critical removal actions.
	18	And I think, in my experience, having been involved with so
	19	many of these, they all have some very typical characteristics.
03:44PM	20	This is what the slide is trying to communicate,
	21	that they tend to be visible to the community, they're
	22	potentially disruptive, they raise safety and health concerns,
	23	and they involve these types of situations. You have a
	24	contaminated soil that might be in the close proximity to a
03:44PM	25	resident. They can involve removal of drums. They could

1 involve replacement of drinking water, like for an individual home that has a well, that the well becomes contaminated or 2 it's in a community with several wells that become 3 contaminated. You might have to replace the existing supply 4 with bottled water or require them to tie into a public water 03:45PM 5 6 supply system. 7 So there is -- the requirements for a time critical removal action that are in the NCPs -- and the issue 8 here in this case is public involvement associated with that. The public involvement requirements for the 03:45PM 10 11 typical time critical removal action anticipate these types of 12 situations. 13 I have another slide here which sort of visually depicts sites I have seen personally many times where you find 14 some contamination. You have to bring your professionals in to 03:45PM 15 deal with the contamination. It becomes a visible sort of 16 17 community activity, if you will, and you have to then make sure 18 that the surrounding community knows what's happening and that is what the regulations for public involvement anticipate, this 19 type of situation. 03:45PM 20 2.1 Let me just stop you there and ask you. 22 replacement water a typical time critical removal action, in 23 your experience? 24 It can be depending on how it's done. And I 25 think -- like this last bullet on this slide, if you're telling 03:46PM

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             the community that they have to stop using their wells and they
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            have to use bottled water, that would be something that would
            be, you know, very visible and very impactful. And you'd want
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             to be communicating with them about why you have to do that and
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            all of that.
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            sure we're on the same page here.
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             than the typical time critical removal action?
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            with that, if I can use that.
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            putting this slide up is that the water agency has a system
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            which is built to use both groundwater and surface water on a
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             regular basis. They have the ability to change the ratio of
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            groundwater and surface water for a variety of reasons very,
            very simply by --
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                           MR. BLUM: Your Honor, I will object.
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            beyond the scope and assumes facts not in evidence.
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                           THE COURT: I can't tell whether it's beyond the
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            scope. So I'm going to overrule it.
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                           I am going to allow the parties to provide me
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            with a trial brief at the close of this case, and you can
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	1	include that if you wish. And make sure I get a response from
	2	you, Mr. Richard.
	3	MR. RICHARD: Yes, Your Honor.
	4	THE WITNESS: Thank you.
03:47PM	5	So I do think that, because the water agency has
	6	a water distribution system for its drinking water supply, that
	7	it's set up to use both groundwater and surface water and they
	8	can change the amount of both for a variety of reasons and have
	9	done so over the years.
03:48PM	10	So when they had to increase the amount of water
	11	they were buying, surface water from the State Water Project,
	12	this was not really a new fact that the community that the
	13	water agency didn't think the community needed to be specially
	14	informed about. I agree with that.
03:48PM	15	Now, I will tell you, this slide talks about what
	16	happened before the shutdown of the wells and after the
	17	shutdown of the wells
	18	Q BY MR. RICHARD: Can you quickly go through that?
	19	A Oh. Before, it was a mixture of local of
03:48PM	20	groundwater and imported water, and that's the same thing
	21	afterwards. The quality of the water met the DDW requirements
	22	before the shutdown and before they bought replacement water
	23	and after. The water reliability was the same.
	24	There was nothing visible happening. It was all
03:49PM	25	happening inside of the piping that the water agency had set up

1 over the years. And they have historically communicated with 2 their consuming public about the fact that their water was a mixture of groundwater and surface water. 3 So the fact that they -- and the ratio changed 4 The fact that this happened wasn't an event that 03:49PM 5 6 was consistent with these typical time critical removal actions 7 that we saw before in those photographs. 8 And even to say -- let me just, if I may, 9 counsel, the public involvement requirements for a TCRA are 10 already quite minimal just by the nature of the fact that you 03:49PM 11 have to take an action very quickly. You have to make some 12 notification to the community if you're dealing with drums in 13 your backyard. And you do have to indicate that -- if they have a question, who they would call. 14 So the requirements of -- anyway, they do not 03:49PM 15 require that the public provide input to the party taking the 16 17 action before the action is taken, just because the action has 18 to be taken very quickly. So --So let me ask you just to bottom line this. 19 03:50PM 20 you -- kind of break it down for us. Are you saying that 21 public participation requirement, that there is one for this 22 type of blending situation where -- that's the removal --23 that's the upshot of the replacement water, is that the 24 blending ratios change? Let's start there. 25 Well, I personally, after looking at this, do not 03:50PM Α

	1	think that the TCRA public involvement requirements do apply to
	2	what happened at the water agency related to buying replacement
	3	water. I don't think they do apply. I can explain a little
	4	bit more in a couple more slides why I don't think they are
03:51PM	5	even applicable.
	6	So if you would
	7	Q Yes. Can you explain that. Sure. Go ahead.
	8	A So quickly I think some of this was already in
	9	the record. But the water agency provides lots of
03:51PM	10	documentation to their consuming public on a regular basis.
	11	Within those documents, they speak about where their water
	12	supply is coming from.
	13	For example, they say that the water comes from
	14	groundwater. It comes from surface water. So on a regular
03:51PM	15	basis, the community that we are trying to communicate with
	16	here has had information that the water supply comes from both
	17	of these sources.
	18	Here's a chart
	19	Q Just so we're clear on the record, we are looking
03:51PM	20	at page 15 of this presentation that we're going to submit to
	21	the Court as a regular numbered exhibit.
	22	A Yes.
	23	Q But it's called Additional Information Conveyed
	24	to Public. Water Supply Utilization. What does this chart
03:52PM	25	tell you, and why is it important to the public participation

1 issue? 2 What this chart shows is that over the years --3 it starts in 1980 and it ends in 2018, I believe, that --2018 -- that this information comes out of the various 4 publications that the water agency has been giving to its 03:52PM 5 6 consuming public over all these years. 7 What they say is -- what this chart shows is that there is a variability in the amount of water that is purchased 8 from the State Water Project, which is surface water, and the groundwater. The groundwater is in green. The State Water 03:52PM 10 11 Project is in the darker color blue. 12 So all along the consuming public knows that for a variety of reasons, the amount of water -- the ratio of the 13 groundwater to surface water varies over time. So the fact 14 03:53PM 15 that it now is varying again is really not a new piece of 16 information. 17 So I think this goes back to what I said in the 18 beginning which is that this is the context within which 19 someone has to make a judgment whether or not those 03:53PM 20 requirements related to public involvement apply in our 2.1 particular case. 22 With these site specific facts, in my view, I 23 don't think they do. 24 Okay. Was there any other information along 25 these lines conveyed to the public that you reviewed? 03:53PM

	1	A So this is a statement from the Urban Water					
	2	Management Plan which communicates the same thing, that there					
	3	different blends of well water and imported water at different					
	4	times. This is just a narrative way of explaining what that					
03:53PM	5	more comprehensive chart has explained.					
	6	So I think these are all important contextual					
	7	pieces of information that go into the question of: Even					
	8	though the requirements for public involvement for a TCRA are					
	9	fairly minimal, I think it's not a big stretch to say I					
03:54PM	10	don't think they are applicable at all in our case because					
	11	nothing I mean, a few times					
	12	MR. BLUM: This is a legal conclusion for the					
	13	Court.					
	14	THE COURT: Sustained.					
03:54PM	15	Q BY MR. RICHARD: Okay. Let's move on.					
	16	I want to ask you: Was Whittaker considered part					
	17	of the community or the public?					
	18	A I don't exactly know what Whittaker received.					
	19	But I think given their historical involvement and the amount					
03:54PM	20	of money they paid historically, that they would have availed					
	21	themselves					
	22	MR. BLUM: Objection. Speculation.					
	23	THE COURT: Sustained.					
	24	Q BY MR. RICHARD: Can you describe for us what					
03:54PM	25	information you do have about Whittaker's interactions with the					

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             regulators or, otherwise, in which they would have received the
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             information you have been describing?
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             is the factual part of it. They paid for the capital costs for
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                    They paid for the operating costs for a period of time.
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             They participated in this task force. And they certainly
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            participated in the earlier settlement. So that, I know.
             think they have had regular interactions, and they should know
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            pretty much what the public knows.
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                           MR. BLUM: Objection. Speculation.
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                           THE COURT: Sustained on the last point.
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                           Just stick with the facts, please, Mr. Zelikson.
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                           THE WITNESS: Okay.
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                           BY MR. RICHARD: What is your understanding as to
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             the sources of the information Whittaker would have had
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             regarding this time critical removal action in the replacement
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             to run into the same issue. But I think it would have been --
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             they could have availed themselves of the same information that
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            was on the website of the water agency and that the consuming
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            public had.
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                           Okay. So what is your -- you reviewed those
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             records on the water agency's website?
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	1	Q And does the water agency allow the public to					
	2	provide comments on the activities you previously described?					
	3	A Yes.					
	4	Q And did you see any information that Whittaker					
03:56PM	5	provided comments on any of those activities?					
	6	A No. I couldn't say that.					
	7	Q Okay. So how are the efforts you just described					
	8	as various disclosures to the public about the ratios,					
	9	et cetera, and public meetings, how are those efforts related					
03:57PM	10	to or relevant to the replacement water time critical removal					
	11	actions and your conclusions in this matter?					
	12	A Okay. So what based on what I laid out, I					
	13	don't believe that the notification requirements for the type					
	14	of TCRA that we have taken here, which has given rise to these					
03:57PM	15	replacement water costs, that the public involvement provisions					
	16	are applicable. I understand that that you know, that's a					
	17	decision for Judge Blumenfeld to make.					
	18	I would also just say that, again, within the NCP					
	19	framework itself, it speaks to situations like this where you					
03:57PM	20	might have an immaterial deviation from the specific					
	21	requirements. And it specifically says that, if there is such					
	22	a situation, it shouldn't serve to defeat an otherwise					
	23	important, necessary, and effective response action.					
	24	So my conclusion is that one way or the other, I					
03:58PM	25	think these water replacement costs should be recoverable					

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                           MR. BLUM: Objection, Your Honor. This is a
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             legal conclusion for the Court.
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                           THE COURT: It is.
                           Mr. Zelikson, when you're referring, however, to
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             the NCP framework and its discussion about immaterial
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             deviation, what specifically are you relying upon?
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                           THE WITNESS: These are statements within the NCP
             itself and the preamble to the NCP that say that part of the
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             reasons that -- and this is written in those documents --
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             that --
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                           THE COURT: I think I can stop you, Mr. Zelikson,
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            because I'm looking for a citation to a legal source, not to
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            what it says.
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                           So you're relying upon the preamble to the NCP?
                           THE WITNESS: And the NCP itself.
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                           THE COURT: All right. Thank you.
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                           MR. RICHARD: Sure. We're almost done,
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            Your Honor.
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                           The -- I wanted to ask you about: Did the
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             SCV Water notify the public of a shutdown of those wells and
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             its intent to replace those supplies with imported water?
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                           And so, in your experience, why wasn't that a
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            material deviation from substantial compliance with the NCP?
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	1	A Well, I think that, if you look at the straight			
	2	requirement there, there's, I think, an easy implication that,			
	3	if you're it should be done in a reasonable time frame. And			
	4	I think that the notification which came in later and later			
04:00PM	5	documents probably was different than what the expectation is			
	6	in those regulations, which to make a more immediate			
	7	notification. But that speaks to my belief that these			
	8	requirements are really not applicable to our situation.			
	9	Q So in your experience, what is it about this			
04:00PM	10	specific situation that I mean, public participation is			
	11	important under the NCP, isn't it?			
	12	A Most definitely it is, yes.			
	13	Q So what is it about this site specific situation			
	14	and these specific activities under review in your experience			
04:00PM	04:00PM 15 that lead you to believe that additional public noti				
	16	was immaterial or an insubstantial shortcoming?			
	17	A Well, there was really nothing to communicate			
	18	that the public didn't already know.			
	19	MR. BLUM: Again, I would move to strike as			
04:01PM	20	speculation.			
	21	THE COURT: I'm going to overrule that objection,			
	22	taken in the context of his previous testimony concerning what			
	23	disclosures that were regularly made. I take it limited to			
	24	that point.			
04:01PM	25	MR. RICHARD: Thank you, Your Honor.			

	1	Q So can you bottom line for us what your				
	2	conclusion regarding NCP compliance of the water replacement				
	3	costs is, sir?				
	4	A I believe that the water agency has fulfilled its				
04:01PM	5	obligation to comply with the requirements of the NCP.				
	6	Q And were there any facts, factors, or anything				
	7	that I missed in our Zoom communication here?				
	8	A No. I think we have got it.				
	9	Q All right.				
04:01PM	10	A Yeah.				
	11	MR. RICHARD: Then I will leave it there. Thank				
	12	you very much.				
	13	THE COURT: Before you leave, I do actually have				
	14	a question or two.				
04:01PM	15	So I want you to assume, Mr. Zelikson, that this				
	16	is not a time critical response action and I'm not saying				
	17	that that's the Court's conclusion. But if it were not a TCRA,				
	18	as you say, then what would you anticipate would have occurred				
19		with respect to public participation that did not occur here?				
04:02PM	20	What would you advise as a consultant?				
	21	THE WITNESS: Well, if it's not a if it's not				
	22	a TCRA, it still is a removal action. So the only other real				
	23	choice is a non-time critical removal action, which means that				
	24	it would be subject to identifying alternatives and evaluating				
04:02PM	25	the cost of those. The specific provisions of a TCRA say that				

	1	you need six months. If you have more than six months, you can					
	2	do a non-time critical removal action process.					
	3	But I don't think that we had six months. We h					
	4	to take an action right away to replace the lost water supply.					
04:03PM	5	THE COURT: And what productive purpose, in your					
	6	view, or do you say there is no productive or benefit, in going					
	7	through a broader public participation process? You said					
	8	identifying alternatives and measuring the costs, weighing					
	9	them.					
04:03PM	10	Maybe first let me start with an easier question					
	11	or a shorter question. Do you see a benefit if there were time					
	12	to go through that process?					
	13	THE WITNESS: Honestly, I don't, Your Honor,					
	14	because I don't think the water agency had an alternative but					
04:03PM	15	to use its system the way it was designed, which was very					
	16	robust but to immediately change the ratio of groundwater to					
	17	surface water and bring the surface water in to replace the					
	18	lost groundwater supply.					
	19	THE COURT: So at least based on the information					
04:04PM	20	available to you, it's your opinion that, if, in fact, there					
	21	were a robust public participation process in a non-time					
	22	critical response, your advice, essentially, would be that					
	23	there is nothing to do beyond what the agency did here?					
	24	THE WITNESS: Yeah.					
04:04PM	25	THE COURT: Would you have advised the agency to					

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            do something different than it did here if, in fact, they had
            more than six months?
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                           THE WITNESS: Well, if they had more than six
            months, yeah. Just like when they were looking at the VOC
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             situation and they had to make a decision in the long run how
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             to permanently deal with these non-detect requirements that DDW
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            was imposing on them.
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             they took it. And they did have real options there. And those
             options are laid out in that EE-CA document.
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                           So yeah, I would have told them to do an EE-CA.
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            But I don't think this was an -- I know you gave me a different
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            premise, but I don't think this is a non-time critical
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            situation. You had to take an action right away to replace the
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             lost supply.
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                           THE COURT: What about the possibility of using
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             stored up supply that they had for a drought situation?
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            Couldn't they have done that?
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                           THE WITNESS: I understand what you're saying.
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             I'm not completely conversant, but I think that would -- that
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             supply is there for a reason. So if they took it from there,
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             there would be all kinds of implications about how to replace
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            what they took out.
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            answer to that. I don't think that's without a lot of
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             complications.
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                            THE COURT: I didn't know whether you had been
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             given that information, so I will just leave it at that.
                           MR. RICHARD: I will let you ask the questions
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             next time, Your Honor.
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                            THE COURT: Let's have Mr. Blum, please, on
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             cross-examination.
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                           MR. BLUM: Your Honor, may I have a guick moment,
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             please?
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                            THE COURT: Yes.
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                                     CROSS-EXAMINATION
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              BY MR. BLUM:
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                           How are you, Mr. Zelikson?
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                            Sir, even in a TCRA, if the removal action is
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             going to last more than 120 days, aren't there public
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             participation requirements?
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                           All right. Let's talk about those for a moment.
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             You know what, before I do, I want to get some specific facts
             laid out.
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                            What was the date for 201 in which the need to
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             purchase replacement water arose?
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                            I don't know the exact date.
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	1	Q Can you give me the year?				
	2	A I kind of think it was in the 2010 time frame.				
	3	Q Well, if I told you that for 201 Whittaker was				
	4	paying for replacement water through December of 2017, would				
04:07PM	5	that affect your opinion?				
	6	A No.				
	7	Q So if Whittaker was paying for replacement water,				
	8	was there a need for the water agency to purchase replacement				
	9	water for 201?				
04:07PM	10	A Yes. But you well, you were paying for it.				
	11	Right. So you paid them, and they paid the State water				
	12	contract.				
	13	Q Right. But the emergency that arose for the				
	14	agency didn't arise until Whittaker stopped paying for the				
04:08PM	15	5 water; correct? If there ever was an emergency.				
	16	A Now you're parsing it by who pays. I think the				
	17	fact that they that water had to be purchased as soon as the				
	18	well was out of service is the issue.				
	19	Q All right. Well, in terms of the amount of money				
04:08PM	20	hat was expended for by the agency for replacement water,				
	would you agree that that did not begin until Whittaker stopped					
	22	paying for it?				
	23	A Yes.				
	24	Q All right. If for 205, if I tell you that				
04:08PM	25	Whittaker paid for replacement water until April 1st, 2012,				

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            would you agree with me that the obligation for the water
             agency to incur expenses didn't begin until after that date?
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                           Yeah. I'm not familiar with those facts. But
            yes, if that's the facts, then I would agree.
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                           All right.
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                           Yeah. I don't think you're equating the
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             emergency to having to pay for it versus the emergency of
            having to replace the water. I'm not sure that's a good
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            equation.
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                           All right. Now, at the time that the obligation
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             arose for the water agency -- let's go back to V-201 -- can you
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             tell me whether or not there was sufficient capacity within
             their existing pumping system to replace the water without
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            purchasing more from the State Water Project?
                           I can't tell you that, no.
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                           Okay. Now, if there was enough capacity, would
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             there be an emergency?
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                           I don't know. I mean, I just -- I understand
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             that it's not so simple to make the plumbing changes that
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            you're suggesting.
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                           All right. Well, can you testify that simply
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             saying, well, this well will pump a little bit more involves
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             any plumbing changes at all?
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                           I can't say.
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                           Would the same questions for V-205 be the same
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1 answers? 2 Α Yes. 3 All right. Now, in terms of the 120 days issue, Q does the public have the right to comment on whether or not the 4 remedy chosen is cost effective? 04:10PM 5 6 This goes back to -- 120 -- you have to go back, 7 if you will, or refer you back to those photographs. If you're going to be on site for the visible activity for more than 8 120 days, then you have to involve the public in a more 10 elaborate process. But that's not what we were doing. We were 04:11PM 11 just turning our valves and changing the ratio of surface water 12 to groundwater which was a routine activity. So I don't think the fact that we did it more 13 than 120 days affects our obligation to involve the public 14 because, as I tried to explain in my testimony, this is not 04:11PM 15 16 your typical TCRA. Doesn't the regulation state, if the removal 17 Q 18 action is going to last more than 120 days, A, B, C, and D has 19 to occur? 04:11PM 20 Right. But as I mentioned in my testimony, the 2.1 kind of actions that were thought of in the creation of that 22 requirement had to do with very visible, potentially disruptive 23 onsite activities. For that, of course, you would have to involve the public. That's not what we have here at all. 2.4 25 Can you point to that portion of the NCP that 04:12PM Q

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             says you could ignore the 120-day requirement if what you're
             going to do really isn't that important or the public really
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             isn't going to care or any other exception that you think
             applies in this case?
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                           I'm looking to the NCP.
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                           THE COURT: Hold on, Mr. Blum. You asked the
            question, you didn't give him a chance to respond.
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                           Mr. Zelikson, you can respond? And the question
             is: Can you point to any portion of the NCP that supports your
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            position?
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                           THE WITNESS: The NCP is -- I'd have to look for
             it, but it's replete with language, like "if applicable," "as
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             appropriate." It would not be appropriate to apply those
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             requirements that you're referring to in a situation that we
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            have here where we're -- everything is happening inside a pipe
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             and we are changing the ratio of water.
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                           So the fact that it's lasting more than 120 days
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            doesn't really matter because the original requirement doesn't
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             apply anyway. That's based upon my -- you know, whatever you
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            want to say, 40 years of experience doing this. It just
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            doesn't apply. That's why this whole thing about rigid
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             application of the regulations without thinking about what's
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             going on in the specific site situation is so important when
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            you're making these judgments.
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	1	Q Again, can you point to a specific section of the				
	2	NCP that supports that the 120-day requirement for public				
	3	participation isn't applicable under the facts as you're aware				
	4	of them?				
04:14PM	5	A Only that it's only that you have to make a				
	6	determination whether it's applicable in the first place. That				
	7	determination I have already made. So obviously,				
	8	Judge Blumenfeld will make the final determination on that.				
	9	But I don't think it applies in the first place; therefore, the				
04:14PM	10	fact that it's lasting more than 120 days is not really				
	11	relevant.				
	12	Q All right. Let's talk about V-205. Is part of				
	13	the basis of your opinion that the concentrations of				
	14	perchlorate in V-205 required that the well not be utilized?				
04:14PM	15	A Yes. But there's more to it than that, but				
	16	yes.				
	17	Q When was the first reading for V sorry for				
	18	perchlorate in V-201 over an MCL?				
	19	A I don't know the answer to that question exactly,				
04:15PM	20	but				
	21	Q Now, I want you to assume that Mr. Abercrombie				
	22	sent a letter to the DDW in August of 2012, which is Exhibit 98				
	23	which has been stipulated into evidence, and said the				
	24	concentrations of perchlorate in this well are below the MCLs				
04:15PM	25	but we're going to shut it down anyway. Is that a sufficient				

1 necessity under the NCP? If you look at it just that way, which is not the 2 3 way it should be looked at, it's not about an MCL. Right? It's about what's happening to that well. I mean, the rest of 4 that story is that V-201 was shut off. V-205 was operating and 04:15PM 5 6 was in the -- it was sucking in chlorite contaminated water. 7 The water agency said, I don't want that well to exceed the MCL perchlorate. I'm concerned that it will because 8 it is now the only well operating in that area because V-201 is down. They were concerned about it. They didn't want to say, 04:16PM 10 11 oops, excuse me, public. We just delivered you water that 12 exceeded the MCL. 13 So they went to the DDW and they said, You know what? It seems prudent, given the facts about how this well is 14 now beginning to rise in its levels and the fact that it is --04:16PM 15 16 the more that we operate it, the more it is going to suck in 17 the contaminant agent --18 THE COURT: One second. One second, sir. The 19 more that we operate, the more it is going to suck in contamination? 04:16PM 20 2.1 THE WITNESS: Yes. And the -- they felt -- the 22 water agency felt that they should shut the well down to 23 prevent it from exceeding the MCL. They presented that to DDW. 2.4 DDW said two things. 25 THE COURT: One second. One second. We're 04:17PM

	1	having problems with the technology.				
	2	All right. You know what? I'm going to end you				
	3	answer right there. I think I have the gist of it.				
	4	Let's have another question asked.				
04:17PM	5	Q BY MR. BLUM: Mr. Zelikson, please cite me to the				
	6	document where the water agent for the DDW told the water				
	7	agency that they should shut down V-205 even though the				
	8	perchlorate concentrations were not above the MCL.				
	9	A I can't do that as I sit here, but I believe we				
04:17PM	10	have that document.				
	11	Q Now, sir, have you taken a look to see whether or				
	12	not there were actually alternatives available to the water				
	13	agency, other than purchasing water from the State Water				
	14	Project?				
04:18PM	15	A Is this coming from Mr. Blum?				
	16	Q Yes, sir.				
	17	A Okay. No. I didn't take a look at that because				
	18	I relied on the water agency judgment that the only reasonable				
	19	thing that they could do in the time frame associated with				
04:18PM	20	having taken action that was time critical was to use the				
	21	State Water Project water.				
	22	Q Did you discuss with Mr. Abercrombie whether or				
	23	not there were alternatives?				
	24	A I have not had that conversation. My staff has				
04:18PM	25	had that conversation with him.				
04:18PM	24	A I have not had that conversation. My staff h				

1 Can you testify that the only alternative 2 available to the water agency was to purchase water from the 3 State Water Project? The only reasonable alternative, yes. 4 And did you discuss with anybody or anybody on 04:19PM 5 6 your staff discuss with anybody at the water agency why 7 purchasing water from the State Water Project was the only reasonable alternative? 8 There were technical complications associated with any other option that had significant impacts on how they 04:19PM 10 11 operated their system. And in order to replace it in a 12 reasonable time frame, consistent with the time critical 1.3 removal action, that's to replace the lost supply, they really 14 didn't have any other options. That's my understanding. 04:19PM 15 Well, I want you to assume that a few days ago 16 Mr. Abercrombie testified that the water agency had available to it banked water which it could have used and all that would 17 18 happen is that that banked water would be delivered via the 19 same mechanism that the State Water Project water was delivered. Was that alternative considered? 04:20PM 20 2.1 By Mr. Abercrombie at the time? I don't know for 22 sure. I think so. 23 All right. I want you to assume that 24 Mr. Abercrombie testified that there were contracts with, I 25 believe, Kern County and Yolo County at the time which could 04:20PM

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            have delivered water to the agency. Was that alternative
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            considered?
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                           MR. RICHARD: Objection. Misstates testimony and
            assumes facts not in evidence, Your Honor.
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                           THE COURT: I'm going to sustain it as you have
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             framed it.
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                           BY MR. BLUM: Were you -- I want you to assume
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            that Mr. Abercrombie testified that there were contracts with
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            at least two counties for delivery of water that could have
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            been used in lieu of State Water Project water. Was that
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            considered by you in determining whether or not the SCV Water
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            was the only alternative?
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                           MR. RICHARD: Same objection.
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                           THE COURT: Overruled, with this qualification.
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             If you assume what Mr. Blum has represented to you is accurate
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             and factual, would that qualify as a reasonable alternative?
                           THE WITNESS: I would need to have more facts
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            about the costs associated with that and the practicality of
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             doing such.
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                           BY MR. BLUM: Is one of the documents that you
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            were given to look at in terms of your testimony the 2010 Urban
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            Water Management Plan?
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                           Yes.
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                           Do you have that in front of you, sir?
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                           No.
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	1	Q Can you get it in front of you?
	2	A I don't know. It's a very large document. I
	3	don't think I have access to it here right now.
	4	Q All right. Well, then I will ask you to it's
04:22PM	5	Exhibit 489 already in evidence. I want you to assume that in
	6	Section 6.3.3 under the section State Water Project Table A
	7	Supply, there is a discussion of alternate water sources,
	8	including Big Delta Conservation Plan, Flexible Storage
	9	Account, Buena Vista/Rosedale Water, Nickel Water Newhall Land,
04:22PM	10	Semitropic Banking Program, Semitropic Banking Program
	11	Newhall Land, Rosedale-Rio Bravo Banking Program and plus
	12	additional plan banking as alternate water sources.
	13	Were any of these discussed by you as alternates
	14	to purchasing water from the State Water Project?
04:22PM	15	A No.
	16	Q If these were alternatives, didn't the public
	17	have the right to comment on whether buying water from a State
	18	Water Project was more cost effective than these other
	19	alternate sources?
04:23PM	20	A You're assuming that it's not a TCRA when you're
	21	saying that. It's just using the lingo; right? That you had
	22	an unlimited amount of time to evaluate all these options. And
	23	what I'm saying is that if that if this is a TCRA, we don't
	24	have that time to make those evaluations and look at those
04:23PM	25	alternatives.

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                           Even if it is --
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                           You have to assume -- yes.
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                           I'm sorry. I'm sorry. I didn't mean to
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             interrupt you, sir.
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                           That's okay. Go ahead.
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                           Even if it is a TCRA, this removal action lasted
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             longer than 120 days; right?
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                           Am I right, it lasted -- it lasted more than
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             120 days?
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                           Yeah. So that doesn't really change anything.
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                           After the 120 days, is it your opinion that the
            public had no right to comment and say, hey, what you're doing
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            now is not cost effective. It's raising our rates. You should
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            do something else?
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                           How do you know it's raising the rates?
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                           I don't know. Is that something that the public,
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             though, had a right to comment on and make that argument if
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             they wanted?
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                           Well, yeah. If the premise is that this is not a
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             TCRA -- the 120 days really doesn't matter. I mean, if this is
            a TCRA, you take the action. There's no need to involve the
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            public or to evaluate alternatives.
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                           There are emergency removal actions that go on
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             for years. And you don't need to involve the public in those.
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            So I just think the first decision is: Is this a TCRA or not?
             If it is a TCRA, you don't have to do those kinds of
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            evaluations.
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                           All right. All right. Mr. Zelikson, I just have
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            a couple more questions, and then we're done.
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                           Can you point to any part of the NCP that says,
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            if it is a TCRA, the 120-day public participation requirement
            doesn't apply?
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                           Well, I would say in our case -- I'm only going
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            to -- I'm most familiar with the facts and circumstances of our
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            situation. I think that the original requirements for the TCRA
             to notify the public are not applicable, in my view. And,
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             therefore, the fact that it's lasting more than 120 days
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             doesn't matter, the way I look at it.
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                           All right. But you can't point the Court to a
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             specific section of the NCP that says that; correct?
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                           MR. RICHARD: Objection. Asked and answered,
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            Your Honor.
                           THE COURT: It wasn't answered. Not this
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            particular --
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                           THE WITNESS:
                                         No, I can't.
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                           BY MR. BLUM: I'm sorry. I'm sorry. Go ahead.
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                           No. Go ahead.
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                           Can you point to an order from the DDW that
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             states that there is -- that they are going to shut down or
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            restrict the ability of the water agency to utilize wells,
             Saugus 1 and Saugus 2, if there is -- if the VOC contamination
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             found in the turnouts was not non-detect?
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                           No. I can't do that.
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                           MR. BLUM: That's all, Your Honor.
                           THE COURT: Mr. Richard?
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                           MR. RICHARD: I think we will leave it there.
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            don't have any questions, Your Honor.
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                           THE COURT: Very well. Then you are excused.
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            Thank you, Mr. Zelikson.
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                           THE WITNESS: You're very welcome. Thank you,
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            Your Honor.
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                           MR. RICHARD: Take care.
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                           THE WITNESS: Can I just leave?
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                           THE COURT: Yes. You could just -- and we will
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            do it on our end in just a moment.
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                           All right. And so you have no further witnesses
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            or evidence that you intend to introduce for purposes of the
            bench trial?
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                           MR. RICHARD: With the exception of evidence that
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            is presented to the jury. So some of what
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            Mr. Keith Abercrombie testified to will be relevant, and we
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            would cite it in our closing brief. And some of the testimony
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             from Mr. Masnada tomorrow will address some of these issues.
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            But we have no separate witness solely for the bench trial.
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                           THE COURT: Thank you.
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                           And, Mr. Blum, you do have a witness, and your
            witness is available tomorrow?
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                           MR. BLUM: Your Honor, the answer is I'm not
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             sure. I have a witness, and I may not even call him if I do.
            And, in fact, Your Honor, it's my -- I had told Mr. Masard --
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             and I take the responsibility fully -- that he would not be
            needed until next week because I thought he would be part of
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            our case. He's not available until Monday or Tuesday.
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                           But my guess is, if you give me until tomorrow,
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             I'm probably not even going to call him. I just need to take a
             look at this testimony tonight and see if it comports with what
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             I believe the witness said.
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                           THE COURT: All right. I will hear from you
             tomorrow, then. You will let me know.
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                           MR. BLUM: Thank you, Your Honor.
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                           THE COURT: All right. And then at this point, I
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            don't believe there are any outstanding issues for the Court to
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             address, other than the jury instructions. Are there any
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             outstanding issues, Mr. Richard, before we start the
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            examination tomorrow for the plaintiff?
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                           MR. RICHARD: I'm thinking about Your Honor's
            question. Not with Mr. Masnada.
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	1	So our damages expert, I have some disputed					
	2	exhibits. But, frankly, I would like the opportunity to make					
	3	one more run with Mr. Blum on those. But he probably won't be					
	4	up until Wednesday, in any event, just judging.					
04:29PM	5	So with the exception of these disputed exhibits					
	6	that I have in front of me for Dr. Najm, our damages fellow,					
	7	I'm not aware of any other issues that require the Court's					
	8	attention.					
	9	THE COURT: And remind me again of who you					
04:29PM	10	anticipate calling tomorrow.					
	11	MR. RICHARD: Mr. Masnada, then Dr. Trudell, and					
	12	then Dr. Najm, if there's time.					
	13	THE COURT: And what is your assessment as to					
	14	whether there is going to be time for Dr. Najm tomorrow?					
04:29PM	MR. RICHARD: Oh, and I also forgot we have that						
	16	hour video play. So we will probably end with the video					
	17	tomorrow.					
	18	So I think that it's possible we will get to					
	19	Dr. Najm. I have been trying to guess on the					
04:30PM	20	cross-examination. Sometimes it runs long. Sometimes I run					
	21	long and sometimes I don't.					
	22	So my best guess is that Mr. Masnada,					
	23	Dr. Trudell, and then the Peloquin video. My practice would be					
	24	to notify Dr. Najm at the first break, that we are running					
04:30PM	25	faster and have him here by 1:00 o'clock, if needed, to finish					

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             the day.
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                           THE COURT: All right. And are there any issues
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            for the defense before we start tomorrow?
                           MR. BLUM: No, Your Honor.
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                           THE COURT: All right. How many challenged
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             exhibits are there with Dr. Najm? I understand we did receive
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             those exhibit binders today. But approximately how many
             challenged exhibits are there?
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                           MR. RICHARD: Right. So I can just tell by
             looking at this that late last night some of the objections
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            were withdrawn. So I really do think I need the opportunity to
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            get to the nub of it here with opposing counsel.
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                           With the bulk of those withdrawn, I don't think
            we will have more than one or two, if any. I'm hoping to
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            resolve it. But I can see that most of them were withdrawn
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             late last night for our fellow's charts.
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                           THE COURT: All right. In that event, I will
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            have the parties come tomorrow at 8:30 since I, therefore,
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             really can't do anything productively, looking at Dr. Najm's --
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             the objected-to exhibits, since many of them are apparently not
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            going to be objected to.
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                           So with that, we are in recess on this matter,
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            and I will see everyone here tomorrow at 8:30.
                           We're off the record.
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                           (Proceedings concluded at 4:34 p.m.)
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